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SEVEN JAPANESE KILLED IN FRONTIER CLASH WITH MONGOLS

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Only 775 Italian
Natives Killed

MORE SUBMISSIONS CLAIMED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

According to official war bulletin No. 121, Marshal Badoglio reported that there is no news of importance on either front, but that another Abyssinian chieftain, Fitaurari Dada Gebremichael, who is commander of the Sechet region and a cousin of Ras Gugsa, made his submission, together with 200 warriors.

The first list of casualties of the native troops was issued here yesterday. The total number of native soldiers killed on both the Abyssinian fronts since the outbreak of the war is given as 775.

FRENCH SEAPLANE STILL MISSING

Paris, To-day.

The hopes of finding the seaplane Villa de Buenos Aires are vanishing. There is no trace so far of the machine. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MISLEADING REPORT
Addis Ababa: The official Italian War bulletin, dated February 10, which states that up to that date a total of 844 Italian soldiers had been killed in the war, is characterised as a "deplorable attempt to mislead the Italian people," in an official announcement here.

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MR. HU HAN-MIN UNDECIDED

Making Sure Of
His Ground

DEPARTURE WOULD BE LOSS
TO SOUTH-WEST

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

General Pai Hsueh-hsi, the Kwangsi military leader, will shortly come to Canton to consult Mr. Hu Han-min on political questions. The veteran Kuomintang leader is in normal health, being called upon by various political leaders from other parts of the country.

Mr. Hu has cancelled his trip to Nanking, as his terms of co-operation have not yet been accepted by General Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Executive Yuan. Mr. Hu co-operated with General Chiang Kai-shek on two different occasions, and each time they parted in difficulties. Now Mr. Hu wants to make sure of his bearings before he goes to Nanking again.

Another cause for his stay is that high officials here want Mr. Hu to remain in Canton. The Party leader is the main pillar of the South-west quasi-independent regime, and his withdrawal will seriously affect the position here.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding is announced Mr. John William Woodard, Fire-Brigade Officer, attached to the Central Fire Station, and Miss Eugenia Vasily Vaginskaya, of No. 7, Hankow Road, Kowloon.



Sir Herbert Samuel, former High Commissioner to Palestine, right, and Viscount Bearsted, British oil magnate, left, will confer in New York with prominent American Jews on the proposal of the German Government for the wholesale migration of the Jewish population to Palestine with their possessions to go out in the form of German goods.

EMBARGO ON OIL MEETING AT GENEVA

U.S. CO-OPERATION
NECESSARY

EFFECTS WOULD BE SEEN
IN 3 1/2 MONTHS

Geneva, To-day.

The report of the committee of oil experts to the Committee of Eighteen, published last night, states that the committee is of the opinion that if the oil sanctions are universally applied against Italy they will take about 3 1/2 months to become effective.

In the event of all the League members applying the embargo it will be effective if the United States limits the exports to Italy to the normal level prior to 1935. Without United States co-operation the embargo will only result in the purchase of petrol by Italy becoming more difficult and expensive.

The report suggests that the embargo should include industrial alcohol and benzol in order to prevent the use of substitutes for motor spirit.

The most practical form of a transport embargo would be a prohibition against the sale of tankers to States not applying the embargo.

Copies of the report are being rushed by air to all the capitals. It is expected that the Committee of Eighteen will meet at Geneva on March 2 to announce their decision. — Reuter.

FREAK WEATHER CONDITIONS

Reported All Over
The World

London, To-day.

Freak weather conditions are reported from all parts of the world. Owing to the continued cold in Rumania wolves have invaded the outlying villages and a considerable amount of livestock has been killed by them.

Over the border in Bulgaria a blizzard caused a collision between a passenger train and a goods train, in which five people were killed and 15 injured. In Venice three boatmen were frozen to death on the famous lagoon. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

STILL SOME HOPES LONDON NAVAL PARLEY

Discussion On Size
Of Battleships

FRANCE PROPOSES A
COMPROMISE

London, To-day.

Despite the reports that agreement has virtually been reached at the Naval Conference on a 35,000-ton battleship, it is learned that the French are still hopeful of the adoption of a lower limit and are suggesting a compromise whereby each Power is allowed to build two 35,000-ton ships to counter-balance the vessels of this size at present being built in France and Italy.

A solution along these lines might possibly commend itself temporarily to the United States, but the Americans are making it quite clear that it will not be accepted permanently. — Reuter.

GUNS MAY BE REDUCED

London: As a result of 90 minutes' conversation yesterday afternoon between the British and American delegations to the Naval Conference, it is understood that it was virtually agreed to retain 35,000-ton battleships, but guns may be reduced to 14 inches. The drafting committee had two further meetings, and is expected to conclude its task to-morrow. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

NEW AIR MAIL SERVICE

INAUGURATED BY
CHINESE PLANE

Shanghai, To-day.

Inaugurating the weekly Sino-French air mail service, a China National Aviation Corporation air-liner this morning left for Hanoi, where the mail is being transferred to an Air France machine, to be delivered in Paris on February 24. A passenger service by the same route will be starting shortly, according to an arrangement already come to between the two services. — Reuter.

GOODWILL FLIGHT CONTINUES

Shanghai, to-day. — The British Air Attache at Shanghai announces that the R.A.F. Short flying-boats from Singapore, engaged on a goodwill flight to Japan, left for Manila from Kudat at 8.25 a.m. to-day. — Reuter.

ARRIVAL AT MANILA

Manila, Later: The flying-boats appeared over Manila at 1 p.m. and were met by an escort of four U.S. Navy flying boats. They circled over the city at a low altitude and then alighted at 1.08 p.m. Commodore Smith and the other officers were met by the Consul-General, Mr. A. P. Blunt, and prominent members of the British colony, Filipinos and Americans.

The airmen expect to stay two or three days. They left Kudat at 6.40 this morning, and encountered perfect flying conditions all the way. — Reuter.

FAMOUS U.S. ACTRESS PASSES

Beaulieu, to-day. — The death has occurred of the famous American actress, Cora Brown-Potter. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.



Our map shows where the Manchukuo-Mongolian forces under Japanese leadership, pushing deep into Inner Mongolia, have seized Fengchen, an important centre on the Peiping-Suiyuan railway which taps the huge mining area in Suiyuan province. This Japanese activity is cited in the plea of Premier V. M. Molotov (right) for a huge increase in the Soviet's budget for national defence.



PARCEL POST INCREASE AT LOWER RATES

8,000,000 More Reported

London, To-day.

The Postmaster-General, Major Tryon, in a Parliamentary reply stated that in the first six months, ending December 31 last, during which the new parcel post rates reduction had been in operation, the number of parcels carried had increased by 8,000,000 as compared with the corresponding period of 1934, an increase of about 10 per cent. — British Wireless Service.

BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK

East-Side Building
Gutted

CHURCH PARTY TRAPPED
IN RESTAURANT

New York, To-day.

At least three men and one woman were killed and more than 30 injured, some of whom are not expected to recover, as the result of a fire in an east-side building.

The blaze started in a shop on the ground floor and spread to a Chinese restaurant, which was crowded and was plunged into confusion. The guests included 150 participants in a church function. Some people were injured when leaping from windows.

The fire raged for an hour before it was controlled. The building was gutted. The work of the members of the ambulance and the fire brigade was watched by a huge crowd. — Reuter.

FATAL HOTEL FIRE

Three Killed And
20 Injured

Lakewood, N.J., To-day.

At least three people were killed and 20 injured, seven of them seriously, in an hotel fire in the early morning yesterday. The guests were still in bed and the victims were trapped in their rooms. The frozen water supply hampered the firemen.

The guests who escaped in their night clothes by jumping from their room windows found themselves in an almost Arctic temperature. The hotel, which was built of wood, was burnt out. — Reuter.

LEITH-ROSS MISSION

Proposed Visit To
Canton

EXPERT WILL ALSO GO
TO NANNING

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, the British monetary expert, who is aboard the Taikoo steamer Tai Yuan for Hong Kong, will visit Canton and Nanning, provincial capital of Kwangsi. After his investigation of South China, Sir Frederick will continue his residence in Shanghai.

Tokyo reports state that the British economist will return to England via Japan and will confer with Japanese officials on the Chinese economic situation. Confirmation of such dispatches is unavailable, while Chinese quarters in Shanghai state that Sir Frederick will not go to Japan in the near future.

The British expert is credited with having played an important part in the nationalisation of Chinese silver in Nanking. The managed currency has the effect of improving British imports in China and of decreasing the sale of Japanese goods in this country. In any case, the new currency is raising commodity prices and helping to revive prosperity.

Mr. T. V. Soong, President of the National Reconstruction Committee, and Dr. H. H. King, Minister of Finance, are stated to be responsible for inviting Sir Frederick to China.

China's managed currency is severely criticised in Japan, and the movements and activities of Sir Frederick Leith-Ross have received considerable attention from Japanese officials in China and Tokyo.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Chicago Publisher
As Candidate

Boston, To-day.

The Chicago publisher, Colonel Frank Knox, is standing as a Republican candidate for the Presidency. Non-union papers have been filled up on his behalf at Springfield, Illinois, placing his name in the ballot for the April Presidential primary elections. — Reuter.

OFFICER SHOT EIGHT MONGOLS KILLED

Harbin Conference
Ends In Failure

TENSION INCREASES

Tokyo, To-day.

Another clash between Japanese and Mongols on the Manchukuo-Mongol frontier has taken place, as a result of which seven Japanese, including a Lieutenant, and eight Mongols have been killed and a number wounded on both sides, according to a communique issued by the Japanese army in Manchukuo.

Meanwhile a conference in Harbin between Mr. Ohashi, the Vice-Foreign Minister of Manchukuo, and M. Stavitsky, the Soviet Consul-General, in an attempt to settle the current differences, has ended in a complete rupture.

JAPANESE CHARGES
Hsinking: Returning from an 8-hour conference with the Soviet Consul-General, M. Stavitsky, at Harbin, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ohashi, declared: "The conference ended in a complete rupture." He charged the Soviet Government with ignorance of international justice and persistent manoeuvres to disturb peace and order in Manchukuo. Mr. Ohashi feared that there was little room left for further negotiations in the face of the irresponsible Soviet statements.

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BRITAIN AND MONGOLIA

QUESTION IN HOUSE
OF COMMONS

London, To-day.

At question time in the House of Commons Mr. Anthony Eden, after briefly outlining the position in Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang, said that the question of British representation at Sinkiang would be considered in the light of Sir Eric Teichman's report.

He stated that the British connections with Outer Mongolia were so slight that the expense of maintaining official British representation there would not be justified in the present circumstances. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE

Prospect Of Early
Reopening

BROKERS CO-OPERATE WITH
INVESTIGATORS

Shanghai, To-day.

According to the North China Daily News, optimism was expressed by several brokers at the prospect of the early reopening of the China Merchants' Stock Exchange, which was closed by the authorities for investigation of alleged speculation and manipulation. An order for the re-functioning of trading is expected early next week.

According to an official of the Exchange all brokers have furnished the investigators with a detailed account of transactions and the names of customers. They have also pledged the authorities not to let any official operate through them. — Reuter.



The charter suspension of the Socialist New York State organisation and the deposition of a group headed by Louis Waldman, left, by the National Executive Committee meeting in Philadelphia, placed the secessionist branch of the party headed by Norman Thomas, right, in control, and marks a definite swing towards the Radical Left.

FRENCH PACT WITH SOVIET

COMPATIBLE WITH
COVENANT

PLAIN WARNING TO GERMANY

Paris, To-day.

M. Flandin told the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber that the Franco-Soviet pact was compatible with the League Covenant and Locarno. Therefore there was nothing to warrant Germany fortifying the demilitarised zone.

He emphasised that demilitarisation could not be dependent on any condition. "If Germany violated the Versailles Treaty in this connection France would immediately come to the Locarno guarantor Powers with a view to deciding what action to take. Such action would follow the lines of the regular League procedure." — Reuter.

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MARSEILLES MURDER

Three Croats Found
Guilty

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Marseilles, To-day.

The trial at Aix-en-Provence of three Croatian members of the so-called "Ustache" terrorist organisation in Yugoslavia, who were charged with having been accomplices of Kelenen, the assassin of King Alexander of Yugoslavia and the French Minister, M. Louis Barthou, ended yesterday evening with all three accused being sentenced to imprisonment for life, after the court had found them guilty of complicity in the murder and of "association with the malefactors."

The prosecution had demanded the death sentence. The alleged head of this plot, who planned the murder, the one-time Croatian Deputy Ante Pavelich, was arrested in Italy some time ago, and will have to face an Italian court. — Trans-Ocean Service.

NO BRITISH CONCESSIONS

London, to-day. — In answer to Sir Henry Pakenham at Commons question time the Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, stated that His Majesty's Government had not considered, and was not considering, handing over any field under mandate. — British Wireless Service.

MAIL SCHEDULES

AIR MAIL

Imperial Airways via Singapore
Bangkok-Amsterdam via Singapore
Saigon-Marseilles via Saigon
Singapore-Australia

Correspondence will be accepted for transmission by these services. Rates and all particulars are shown in the schedule exhibited at the Post Office. All letters etc. must be marked "By Air Mail" and be handed in at the Post Office.

CHINESE DOMESTIC AIR MAIL SERVICE FROM CANTON.

Letters will be accepted at Hong Kong for transmission by the Chinese Domestic Air Mail Service from Canton to all places in China at the rate of \$1.00 per half ounce unit. The charge is inclusive of the regular postage.

The hours of closing mails for this service at the G.P.O. are:

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10 a.m. Ordinary 10.30 a.m.
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Ordinary 10.30 a.m.
Canton-Lowchow—Saturday, Reg.
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INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Feb.
Yasukuni Maru (via Siberia) 13
Fushimi Maru 15
Somali 18

FROM SHANGHAI

Feb.
Pres. Hoover 13
Yasukuni Maru 13
Somali 13
General Lee 14
Pres. Garfield 14
Gneisenau 21
Kizano Maru 21
Pres. Grant 21
Cathay 22
Rio de Janeiro Maru 22

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Feb.
Conte Verde 12
Fushimi Maru 15
Kutsang 15
Ajax 18
Somali 18
Santitas 18
Nagato Maru 20
Pres. Grant 20
Toba Maru 22

FROM U.S.A.

Feb.
General Lee 14
Pres. Garfield 14
Pres. Grant 21

FROM MANILA

Feb.
Pres. McKinley 14
Tjikembang 15
Ajax 18
Atsuta Maru 20

FROM JAPAN

Feb.
Yasukuni Maru 13
General Lee 14
Pres. Garfield 14
Pensang Maru 14
Delago Maru 15
Kizano Maru 21
Pres. Grant 21
Cathay 22

FROM AUSTRALIA

Feb.
Atsuta Maru 20

OUTWARD MAILS.
FOR EUROPE

Feb.
Conte Verde (via Siberia) 13
Yasukuni Maru (Imperial
Service) 14
Closes: Reg. Noon Ord. 12.30 p.m.
Pres. McKinley (via Victoria) 14
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Fushimi Maru (via Siberia) 15
Tatsuta Maru (via Siberia) 18
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 8.30 a.m.
Cathay (via Marseilles)
Ord. 10.30 a.m.
Athos II (via Siberia) 22

FOR SHANGHAI

Feb.
Conte Verde 12
Pres. McKinley 14
Fushimi Maru 15
Tatsuta Maru 18
Athos II 22

WOMEN'S PAGE

WARM AND FUZZY WOOLLENS

Teddy Bear Rage
In Paris
SOFT AS PET RABBIT

Deliciously tweedy and rough are the winter's newest in woollens, with a look that is as out doorsy as the woods in late Fall and a feeling to the touch that is as soft as a pet white rabbit.

The very latest fabrics are interwoven with shreds of pure vegetable fibre in their native state, both as to colour and angularity, and as a class have been dubbed "Coconut" in deference to the fibre which lent itself to the first experiments in this new line. More recently, all sorts of others, particularly jute and hemp, have been found to be equally effective.

The effect produced is exactly what might be expected and exactly what the designers have been trying to achieve... something shaggy, dry, and a little rough. When the background material is in a darker shade than the fibrous interweaving the stuff has the appearance of hoar-frost on dark grass, or of a silver-white down.

Frosty Fibre
Not all of these new materials, however, have the vegetable fibre woven into a solid pattern. Many of them, such as the plaid "Karo" and "Coto", have the frosty fibre etched against them. "Chevy", for instance, is a heavy wool-
len with chevrons outlined in its pattern. In others, the fibre ap-

FOR JAPAN

Feb.
Conte Verde 13
Pres. McKinley 14
Fushimi Maru 15
Tatsuta Maru 18
Atsuta Maru 21
Athos II 22

FOR U.S.A.

Feb.
Pres. McKinley 14
Fushimi Maru 15
Tatsuta Maru 18

FOR MANILA

Feb.
Pres. Hoover 13
Pres. Garfield 14
General Lee 14
Pres. Garfield 15
Tatsuta Maru 18
Change 18

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Feb.
Yasukuni Maru 14
Shirats 14
Yumang 15
Cathay 21

FOR AUSTRALIA

Feb.
Change 18

VIA SIBERIA—Letters and post-cards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so super-scribed.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given above unless otherwise stated, and where mails are pre-destined to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

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The styling of this striking dinner frock worn by Anna Shirey, the screen actress, is marked by its extreme simplicity. The gown is of heavy taupe crepe trimmed with jewel-set silver buttons. The wrap-around skirt is draped at the centre front.

pears on one side only, while the reverse is soft and pliant, and the dressmakers are achieving interesting contrasts by using the one to trim the other.

Another unexpected use of materials that is an important feature of the winter collections this month is the combination of thick with thin, heavy with light. On a background of thinnest wool-
lens, one manufacturer has thrown a spray of motif in a plushy wool which stands out in strong relief with all the effect of real fur. In this case the design is in raw wool which is innocent of all the usual preparatory operations except combing and dyeing.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE
This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.

HORIZONTAL
1-Non-existence
2-Inflamed place on the skin
3-Want
11-Render soft and tough by heating
12-Assured
14-Prefix, Across
15-Senior (abbr.)
17-Facial suffix
18-Sop
20-Scarcely
22-Flavor
23-Small particle
24-Appetite
25-Indite
29-A flower
30-Prophecy
33-Vary
34-Hinder
35-Skittish
38-Mother
39-Recent, said of diamonds
42-Perfumes
49-Advertisements (abbr.)
50-Grade

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
51-Augmented
52-Remark
54-Prefix, Thrice
55-Indefinite article
56-Right (abbr.)
58-Make lace
59-Happenings
61-Train attendant
62-Eagle
65-Plant
66-Made reparation for

VERTICAL
1-Prefix, Not
2-Crude metals
3-Approach
4-Negative
5-Bury
6-Afternoon parties
7-Sandwich
8-Hugry grows
10-Radical in rank
11-Salt, inland sea in Russia
12-Lavish, extreme
13-Indecent upon
14-Convey from one place to another

VERTICAL (Cont.)
15-At any time
16-Kind of patrol
21-Prefix indicating the dross
23-Imitate
24-York
25-Exotic
27-A Russian title (pl.)
28-Kind of tree
31-Before
32-Jules of plants
37-Reason
38-Heated person
40-Inequalities
41-Employ
42-Engaged in a tumult
44-Venture
45-Musical note
46-Uppon
48-Chief actor
51-Put up stairs
52-Glass
55-Girl's name
57-Large plant
60-Make a mistake
62-Spread loosely for drying
64-Exotic

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

Bringing Up Father



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 18th February, 1936, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 8th February to TUESDAY, 18th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hong Kong, 31st Jan., 1936.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1936, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th February to SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1936 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1936.

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PRACTICAL
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Last Day of Entry—28th February 1936

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On Saturday 13th June 1936
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MURDER AT DAVOS

Official Swiss Statement

PRESS ACTIVITIES DEPRECIATED

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Berne, To-day.
On the eve of the burial in his native city of Schwyz of Herr Wilhelm Gustloff, whose death at the hands of a Jewish assassin is mourned by the whole of the German people, the Swiss Federal Council, the Bundesrat, issued an official statement concerning the murder at Davos, where Herr Gustloff exercised his office as regional leader of the National Socialist Party in Switzerland. The official declaration reads:—"The Federal Council, in today's session, dealt with the attacks made in the newspaper Volkrecht on February 7 on the German Minister, Baron von Weizsacker, in connection with the murder of Herr Wilhelm Gustloff. Therein the diplomatic representative of the Reich is accused in an inaccurate and incorrect manner with having interfered with the internal affairs of Switzerland.

"The Bundesrat disapproves of the expressions used, which constitute a serious excess in the sense of the ruling of March 26, 1934, calculated to imperil the correct relations between Switzerland and Germany.

Press Not Blamed
"As for the content of the press statement itself, the Bundesrat considers that the German Minister is by no means blamed by the Swiss press for being the intellectual cause of Herr Wilhelm Gustloff's murder, but it is merely pointed out that the unbridled personal attacks made against the deceased could have contributed to creating a psychological basis for the deed as committed by David Frankfurter. The Chief of the Swiss Political Department took note of this declaration, but at the same time allowed no doubt to remain that the Swiss authorities were obliged to reject as invalid any implication of a connection between the attitude of the Swiss press and the assassination by a foreign fanatic.

"At the same time attention is drawn to the fact that the stricter application by the Bundesrat of the press decree of 1934 in connection with the assertion of the newspaper Volkrecht had already been decided before the atrocity against Herr Wilhelm Gustloff was committed."—Trans-Ocean Service.

VIOLENCE IN SPAIN

Radical Elements On The Warpath

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day.
Renewed acts of violence by Left-wing Radical elements occurred in various parts of Spain on Tuesday. In Quevedo a group of Marxists shot at the Burgomaster in front of his house, wounding him dangerously. The Burgomaster of Formiche-bajo, near Teruel, who belongs to the Right-wing party, was also wounded by revolver shots when attempting to settle a dispute between political opponents.

A party of Social-Democrats and Communists at Santander destroyed a number of graves in the cemeteries of three neighbouring villages, in some cases lying the coffins bare. The police succeeded in arresting the culprits.

In Calahorra a cloister was set on fire by persons unknown. The fire was fortunately noticed in time and was extinguished before any serious damage was done.—Trans-Ocean Service.

The Cheero Club weekly whist drive held on Tuesday night was a great success, there being 16 tables filled. Prizes were made by the following: Ladies—Mrs. Hodge, 2nd Mrs. Deacon, 1st; Gentlemen—Mr. Medina, 2nd; Mr. Goulden, 1st. Mr. Goulden's prize was distributed by Mrs. Hodge, and Mr. Medina's prize by Mrs. Hodge.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, M.C., M.B., B.S. (Lon.) D.T.M. and H. (Eng.), I.B., will deliver a course of lectures (for women) on First Aid, commencing to-morrow, Friday, at St. John's Ambulance Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. It is emphasized that these classes will be continued only if the attendance is regular and there are a sufficient number of candidates to warrant their fort.

BRIDGE NOTES

Suit And Notrump Slams

By Ely Culbertson

It is better to bid a Grand Slam in a suit than in notrump when there is any possible doubt of the contract being made. At night or two extra tricks can be won by ruffing, whereas at notrump, those ruffing possibilities would not be present.

But the notrump Slam does require one or two of the honors of the Spades which is bid with a trump suit. In the first place, a notrump Slam is eliminated in the second place, the declarer who plays a Grand Slam at notrump need not fear that one of the defenders is void of a side suit and can ruff out of his Aces.

To-day's deal ranks as one of the major tragedies of the game, but despite his bad fortune South has some reason to hold himself accountable. At notrump the tragedy would not have occurred.

East Dealer.
Both side vulnerable.

S A K
H Q J 5 4 3
D K
C A K J 3

S 10 9 5 4 2 N S Q J 8 7 3
H D 7 3 2 W E H 10 9 7 6 2
C 10 8 6 4 2 S 6
S 6
H A K 3
D A Q J 10 6 5
C Q 9

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

East South West North
1D (1) Pass 2H (2)
Pass 4D (3) Pass 4NT (4)
Pass 5NT (5) Pass 7D (6)
Pass Pass (7) Pass

1—A powerful hand, but short of a two-bid.

2—Though the club suit is stronger in top cards, North properly shows the higher ranking suit first. By bidding one more than necessary, he properly forces to game and shows his hand contains at least 3½ honours.

3—This is a skilful use of the Jump Trump. Rebid by means of which South shows a nearly solid suit which lacks at most one of the four top honours.

4—This conventional bid shows two Aces and a King of a bid suit.

5—The conventional response showing two Aces.

6—North can now count thirteen tricks with almost complete assurance. South has six diamonds and the Ace of hearts, and North has four immediate top honours. He knows that if the heart suit is not solid South can probably ruff out the clubs and thus develop the two additional tricks which would be necessary.

North's bid is quite correct for he does not know that South holds the King of hearts as well as the Ace.

7—South should not have passed. If North was strong enough to bid the Grand Slam in diamonds, South can be assured of having at least thirteen top cards in the combined hands. South should have bid seven notrump, thus saving himself from the danger of either six diamonds in one hand against him or a first round ruff of some side suit.

Having criticised South's final pass, I must hesitate to say that despite his error South did not deserve the hideous punishment which befell him. West, realising it was hopeless to expect East to have an honour-trick, made the opening lead in which he felt East might be able to ruff. He led a low club and to his delight East ruffed. East returned a heart and West pounced on it with a trump. From then on the defence was automatic and until East had ruffed three club leads and West three heart leads, poor South could not make a trick.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.S.).

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Record Programme.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Radio Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.8 p.m.—European Programme.

5.8 p.m.—Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

6.30-7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

7-11.15 p.m.—A Piano Recital by James Friedman.

1. Song Without Words in F Major (Mendelssohn).

2. Song Without Words in F sharp Minor (Mendelssohn).

3. Berceuse (Chopin).

4. Minuetto from Suite (Sok, Op. 21).

7.15-7.40 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.

Victoria and her Hussar.

The Doherry.

Please Teacher.

Tulip Time.

7.40-8 p.m.—Cinema Organ Solo.

Film Hits of the Moment.

Sidney Torch.

Noia.

Sydney Gostard.

Parade of Parade Selection.

Quentin H. Maclean.

Naughty Marietta Selection.

Reginal Dixon.

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Sporting Page



ROYAL SCOT FOR DERBY BUT THERE ARE OTHER PONIES



J. Hubert Stevens, Lake Placid, New York, veteran bobsledder, stands out in a sport which requires nerves of steel and plenty of courage. In 1932 he was America's best in the Olympic Winter Games at Lake Placid and expects to be up with the leaders on the Olympic run in Germany.

CORRESPONDENCE

Old Timer's XI Under Fire

(To The Editor, "China Mail")

Sir,—May I have a little space in your well-known paper so that I can reply to "Old Timer's" letter regarding the best past and present Indian footballers in the Colony.

I have been playing football for quite a long time and I am now too old to participate, but I am still very interested in the game. I can't see how on earth "Old Timer" picked that forward line. In defence "Old Timer's" suggestion is the best possible, but in the forward line I can't see how Hamet and Rahmin were included.

Older residents will remember the sparkling exhibition given by Bandran, as inside-left, for the Islamic team. Bandran, as a player, was very tricky and could have made many openings for young Omar to shoot a lot of goals.

Now regarding the left-wing position, R. M. Azim, who has been selected as one of the reserves, would no doubt have been a better left-winger than Rahmin. Although Rahmin had speed, he was not tricky enough, whereas Azim not only possessed speed but was very tricky and could shoot well with both feet. His centring was always well directed. I saw him play for St. Joseph's first team three or four seasons back when he gave a fine performance and scored the only goal for St. Joseph's against South China.

The following is my best team: U. M. Omar; M. H. Abbas and A. Sabban; S. A. M. Sepher, A. Hamid and O. M. Omar; R. M. Omar, E. A. Moosdeen, A. M. Omar, Bandran and R. M. Azim. Reserves: B. A. Hyder, K. M. Omar, Mohamed Rumjahn, S. A. Rumjahn O. el Arcullo (Radio) and M. H. Hassan (Radio).

"Ex-PLAYER"

EASY WIN FOR D.B.S.

On their own ground yesterday the Diocesan Boys' School beat Queen's College in a friendly cricket match by 107 runs.

D.B.S.: 163 for 6 dec. (F. J. Lay 76, A. Dudley 27). Queen's: 46 (Dudley 4 for 7).

KENT'S RUGBY DEFEAT

London, To-day.—In a friendly Rugby match yesterday, Wiltshire beat Kent by 14 points to nil—Bentley.

ARSENAL FAVOURED TO WIN CUP

PENSIONERS ENGAGE COTTAGERS

BARNESLEY CARRY BEST WISHES OF JUNIOR CLUBS

Although London has four side over the draw for they have Clubs still in the F.A. Cup competition only one match in the Fifth Round, which will be played next Saturday, will be played in London and that will be at Stamford Bridge where Chelsea entertain Fulham. A real London "Derby" this and the Chelsea ground is likely to be taxed to capacity. Chelsea's two previous victories in the competition were over Second Division Clubs, Norwich 3-1 (after a 1-1 draw at Norwich) and Plymouth Albion 4-1. Fulham have beaten Brighton 2-1 and Blackpool 5-2. Arsenal certainly have a grumble against the deities who preside over the draw for they have not had a single Cup match at home, not counting replays, since March 1934 when they entertained Aston Villa and lost 2-1. Once again they have to travel, this time to Newcastle to meet the United, who administered the coup-de-grace to the Cup holders. A stiff hurdle this for the Londoners, but they have a happy knack of rising to the occasion and, as favourites for the Cup, should be able to force a draw and a replay at Highbury. Arsenal beat Bristol Rovers 5-1 and Liverpool 2-0 away, while Newcastle have eliminated Walsall 2-0 and Sheffield Wednesday 3-1 (after a 1-1 draw at Sheffield).

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GUNNERS TOO GOOD FOR THE HOCKEY CLUB

Second Battery Win Fast Game

KISHEN SINGH SCORES FOUR GOALS

The score of 5 goals to 3, in favour of the 2nd Battery, H.K.S.R.A., was a good indication of the run of play in the match on the Marina ground yesterday when the Battery had the better of the Hong Kong Hockey Club. The score in the first half was 3-1 in favour of the Battery. Carey scoring for the Club.

The Battery monopolised the play for the first 15 minutes, in the course of which Kishen Singh, the fast Battery leader, scored three goals. Lt. Garthwaite and Kishen Singh scored again after the interval.

The slippery state of the ground (as the result of the rain on the previous day) was not conducive to good hockey, and most of the players found it rather difficult to keep their feet with rubber shoes on.

Missed Open Goal

Lt. P. de Ramus, on the right-wing for the Battery, sent across some very good passes, though he had the misfortune to see Teja Singh miss an open goal from one of them. On the whole, however, the Battery forwards played quite a good game with Ramus, Kishen Singh and Garthwaite outstanding.

For the Club, Bates, at centre-half, was very hard working, while Tetley was also prominent for some good work. On the few occasions that he got away, Carey was dangerous. He scored two of the Club's goals, while Divett netted the other.

Club:—E. F. Shields; J. E. Potter, G. Sommer; J. L. Cotenworth, E. A. Bates, J. L. Tetley; A. A. R. Botelho, L. Pracht, G. E. R. Divett, D. Carey and D. L. Nooy.

2nd Battery:—Sewen Singh; Dalip Singh, Darshan Singh, Harman Singh, Bachan Singh, Sidersa Singh; Lt. Ramus, Aya Singh, Kishen Singh, Lt. Garthwaite, Teja Singh.

The New Zealand Universities Bagby, touring side will play a return match against Hong Kong on their return trip to-morrow week, when the Colony should have much stronger opposition to put against them, for not only will the Army XV players be available but also W. E. Grieve and H. D. Bidwell.

W. E. GRIEVE & H. D. BIDWELL FOR COLONY RUGBY XV?

THEIR LAST BRAWN CUP MATCH

"Y" Ladies Entertain C.B.A. Ladies

MISS BRADBURY AND FARO LEAVING

The "Y" Ladies' junior team will play their last Brawn Cup fixture this afternoon when they encounter the Central British Association Ladies at King's Park.

The "Y" Ladies should win comfortably as in their first clash, on December 7, when they won by two clear goals.

Two of the "Y" Ladies will be making their last appearance in the series this afternoon, Miss V. Bradbury, the captain, who is leaving for Home to-day week, and Miss D. Faro, who is also shortly leaving for Home.

The following are the probable teams:—

C.B.A. Ladies:—Miss M. Adam; Miss D. Mitchell and Miss R. Hirst; Miss L. Buchanan, Miss R. Moss and Miss G. MacNider; Miss E. Woolley, Miss O. Peters and Miss N. Kempton. "Y" Ladies:—Miss P. George; Miss M. Gardiner, Miss D. Faro; Miss L. Murray, Miss R. Ingram, Mrs. Kemp; Miss W. George, Miss K. Tongue, Miss V. Bradbury, Miss J. Stryk and Miss E. Holloway.

FOOTBALL COUNCIL MEETING

Committee To Select New Hon. Secretary

The appointment of a successor to Mr. M. L. Railton, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association, who is soon leaving Hong Kong on transfer to Tientsin, was discussed at a Council meeting held last night and presided over by Col. H. C. Harrison, the Chairman.

As several names were nominated, among whom were Messrs. A. Chapman, J. Elliot, W. E. Hollands, G. T. Stokes and O. Smith, it was decided that a committee composed of Messrs. Wong Ka-tsun, J. Shepherd and Lieut. Chaplin, together with the Chairman and the Hon. Secretary, be left to deal with the matter.

It was also decided that a presentation be made to Mr. M. L. Railton, prior to his departure.

SPAKOFF SUSPENDED

Al Spakoff, the Rumanian heavy-weight boxing champion, has been suspended for the whole of this year by the Rumanian Boxing Federation for alleged contempt of the federation.



Thirty-four knockouts in 35 coast fights is the record of Frank Bath, protégé of Jack Kearns, former manager of Jack Dempsey, and Kearns says Bath is better than Dempsey was when he started. Bath is 5 feet 10 and weighs 185, which Kearns says is just right for speed and power.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY'S RUGBY TRIAL

Frost To Be Seen At Full-Back

BIDWELL AS CENTRE THREEQUARTER

Two fairly well-balanced teams have been selected for the Probables versus Possibles Rugby match on Saturday at Sookumpoo, commencing at 4.15 p.m., in preparation for the return visit of the New Zealand Universities' touring fifteen to-morrow week.

P. C. Frost is at last being given a trial at full-back for the Possibles and in view of his excellent defence, has good chance of securing his place in the team. Preece, of the Army, is, however, playing in his second trial for Probables.

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DORSETSHIRE'S RUGBY VICTORY OVER CLUB "A"

Poorest Match This Season

CIVILIAN BACKS AGAIN DISAPPOINTED

(By "REFEREE") One of the poorest "A" fifteen Rugby yesterday when H.M.S. Dorsetshire beat the Club by two tries (6 points) to nil after leading at the interval by a try.

Chances galore were thrown away by the Club backs, Peers and Archers being the biggest offenders with miserable passing, while the latter was definitely misplaced at fly-half.

Frost, at full-back, and Edwards, at centre-threequarter were the pick of the backs, although Lammet, who made his first appearance at Rugby, was fast off the mark though his passing could be improved.

Ship's Best

Surg. Lt. Kirkwood, despite a "gummy" leg, and Ldg. Sea, Smith were the pick of the Dorsetshire backs, while Cpl. Preece was very good at scrum-half.

The Dorsetshire opened the scoring late in the first half when Kirkwood went over wide of the posts for an unconverted try, and Smith added the second late in the second half, this also being unconverted.

RACE BOOKS NOW ON SALE

Race books for the Annual Race Meeting, which commences on Saturday week, are now ready and may be obtained from the Treasurers, Messrs. Linstead and Davis, first floor, Exchange Building, at 60 cents per book.

DUNBAR & DYNASTY CHALLENGES

HEM STRING SHOULD DO WELL UNDER MR. NEEDA

DAWN STAR CHINESE HOPE

(From The Valley)

FOR the past week now all the griffins have been given fast work to do in preparation for the Annual Race Meeting which opens on Saturday week.

The grass track is in perfect condition and, with a few exceptions, all the ponies have been tried out on this track. This year our Derby griffins are numerically less than before but, judging from the morning gallops, several of the newcomers possess that quality which serves to maintain the high standard of local racing.

Notwithstanding all the formidable strings possessed by Chinese owners at different times, only Mr. Ho Kom Tong's President Hall, with Mr. Encarnacao up, has succeeded in winning the much-coveted honour. Incidentally, Mr. Encarnacao is here again and will be riding for Mr. Eu Tung Sen, and I feel sure that all racing enthusiasts will wish him the best of luck.

This year the Chinese will be again strongly represented in the Derby. There is Rosemary, Mr. Eu Tung Sen's candidate, which is said to be capable of great things. She is a nice looking chestnut mare, the only thing not in her favour being that she is only five, and it is a notorious fact that young ponies are extremely delicate things and are all too susceptible to injury if worked too hard.

COLONY BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

Two Junior Games For To-day

ONE SENIOR FIXTURE TO-MORROW

Although there are two games in the Junior section of the Colony Open Billiards Championship this evening, the seniors are having a blank day.

At the Club Lusitano Fusilier R. Evans, who drew a bye into the Second Round where he beat Tai Kwai Fat, meets I. T. Yung, who had the better of Pte. R. Owen in the First Round and J. V. da Luz in the Second Round. The winner of this game will qualify for the quarter-finals.

In the other game this evening, F. P. Sequeira, who beat S. M. White in the first round, meets Sydney Chan, who qualified at the expense of Lam Ka Huen.

Below will be found the programme for to-day and to-morrow:—

TO-DAY

Fus. R. Evans v I. T. Yung at Club Lusitano.

F. P. Sequeira v Sydney Chan at Engineers Inst.

TO-MORROW

Yan Charn Pong v E. A. dos Remedios at Kowloon C.C.

LOCAL BILLIARDS

Hong Sling Wins Over E. D. da Roza

In the Senior Billiards Championship, W. Hong Sling defeated E. D. da Roza by 500 points to 400 at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night. Roza, chalked up a 64 break, and Hong Sling, a 60.

Tam Bun-hun beat Albert Koh by 300 points to 221 in the Junior Billiards Championship at the Civil Service Cricket Club, and also broke this season's record by chalking up a 45. At the Sports Club J. E. Noronha, defeat, Lam Shui-fun by 300 points to 233.

ARMY CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM RACE

The Inter-Unit cross-country team race was held yesterday and resulted in a win for the Punjab Regiment, though it was an H.K.S.R.A. man who finished the race first.

The course was from Kai Tak Aerodrome to the Kowloon Golf Club and back, a distance of approximately 4½ miles.

It has already been reported that everything has not gone serenely with Rosemary and, judging by her last gallop over 1¼ miles (41.2, 120.1, 200.3, 236.0, 310.0, last quarter 34), I cannot say that she likes her work on the grass track. Still, with more practice on the grass course, I dare say that she will turn out to be one of the most dangerous contestants in the big race. Another candidate from the same stable is Donovan, a small chestnut stallion.

Messrs. Kong Bros. will be represented this year by a formidable string of ponies, including Dawn Star, Old Star and Gay Star. The first named is a good looking grey mare and is the daughter of Wild Life, who, it will be remembered, (Continued on Page 10)

MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

Taikoo Well Beaten By Kowloon Tong

Taikoo Recreation Club were outplayed by 6 games to 3 by the Kowloon Tong Club in their postponed Mixed Doubles Badminton League fixture at Kowloon Tong last night.

Scores:—

P. C. Leung and Mrs. G. A. White (Kowloon Tong) 21-5

beat T. Stainton and Miss J. Summers 21-15

beat G. Summers and Miss E. Summers 21-7

beat H. Routledge and Miss L. Cunningham 21-7

S. A. Gray and Miss MacKenzie (Kowloon Tong) 21-6

beat Stainton and Summers 21-7

beat Summers and Summers 21-5

beat Routledge and Cunningham 21-15

G. A. White and Miss I. Willis (Kowloon Tong) 21-15

lost to Stainton and Summers 13-21

lost to Summers and Summers 6-21

lost to Routledge and Cunningham 22-24

POVERTY BAY BEATEN

M.C.C. WIN BY 192 RUNS

Gisborne, To-day. The two-day cricket match between the M.C.C. tourists and Poverty Bay ended here yesterday in a win for the tourists by 192 runs.

M.C.C.: 20 for 5 dec. (J. H. Homan 50 not out) and 158 for 3 dec. Poverty Bay: 105 (Reeves 51) and 67 (Sims 2 for 22).



Mr. G. A. Harrison, above, will be riding Royal Scot, the favourite, in the Derby next Monday week.

RECREIO "A'S" BADMINTON WIN OVER ELIOT HALL

Fire Brigade Lose Without Shute

C.R.C. BEAT ST. JOHN'S COMFORTABLY

Recreio "A" maintained their superiority in the Men's Doubles Badminton League by defeating Eliot Hall "B" by 6 games to 3 at King's Park last night.

The Fire Brigade R.C., without one of their best players in E. L. H. Shute, who was unable to play last night, proved no match for St. Andrew's "A", who defeated them by 7 games to 2 at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

At Causeway Bay the Chinese R.C. easily overwhelmed St. John's Club by 7 games to 2.

Detailed results of the three games were as follows:—

Eliot Hall "B" Lose

At King's Park last night, Recreio "A" defeated Eliot Hall "B" team by 6 games to 3:—

E. N. Silva and H. A. Alves (Recreio "A") 21-12

lost to E. K. Ng and K. Yung 15-21

beat B. E. Tan and W. Chung 21-15

lost to C. H. Soon and S. C. Pye 15-21

M. A. Oliveira and E. Remedios (Recreio "A") 21-12

beat Ng and Yung 21-12

beat Tan and Chung 21-3

beat Soon and Pye 21-15

L. A. Carvalho and A. Silva (Recreio "A") 21-7

beat Ng and Yung 21-7

beat Tan and Chung 21-14

lost to Soon and Pye 13-21

C.R.C.'s Easy Win

At Causeway Bay last night, the Chinese R.C. beat St. John's Club by 7 games to 2:—

W. C. Choy and E. W. Ho (C.R.C.) 21-5

beat J. Bennett and L. V. Carr 21-15

beat F. H. Kwok and David 21-9

beat Roland Koh and Norman Smith 21-2

S. P. Chan and H. T. Woo (C.R.C.) 21-3

beat Bennett and Carr 21-3

beat Kwok and Kwok 21-4

beat Koh and Smith 21-2

S. W. Liang and C. Y. Yung (C.R.C.) 21-5

beat Bennett and Carr 21-5

lost to Kwok and Kwok 15-21

lost to Koh and Smith 13-21

Fire Brigade Defeated

At the St. Andrew's Church Hall last night, the St. Andrew's "A" team defeated the Fire Brigade Recreation Club by 7 sets to 2:—

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's "A") 21-8

beat J. L. Anderson and W. Stoker 21-8

beat A. L. Fisher and G. Fowler 21-13

beat L. Skinner and E. Greenwood 21-0

A. E. P. Grant and F. A. Broadbridge (St. Andrew's "A") 24-20

beat Anderson and Stoker 19-21

beat Skinner and Greenwood 21-4

R. H. Wong and F. Y. Wong (St. Andrew's "A") 7-21

lost to Anderson and Stoker 7-21

beat Fisher and Fowler 23-21

beat Skinner and Greenwood 21-15

LEAGUE TABLE

Games P W L F A Pts.

C. R. C. 11 9 2 74 25 13

Recreio "A" 3 3 0 61 11 16

Eliot Hall "B" 10 8 2 60 21 16

Recreio "B" 10 8 2 63 28 16

St. Andrew's "A" 10 8 2 63 28 16

Eliot Hall "A" 4 0 4 13 12

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Birth Control

The visit next week of Miss Margaret Sanger (Mrs. J. N. H. Slee) and the announcement that she will give a public lecture on "Birth Control" suggests a survey of the present position of this important question. At any rate we may congratulate ourselves that it is one of the many subjects that are now capable of open discussion in place of the frigid reserve which used to be considered the proper attitude even when there was no rigorous suppression. The modern man, and still more the modern woman, insists on the right to be informed about any question that intimately concerns health and happiness, and it would be difficult to find one that is of deeper concern than the decision as to how many children they are to be responsible for, with due regard both to their own right and to the children's right to a satisfactory life. Our visitor belongs to the early pioneer generation when the contest was not only with argumentative opponents but with the arm of the law in at least some of the States, as it had been in England in the campaign of Charles Bradlaugh and Mrs. Annie Besant, who subsequently changed her opinion.

The view that the controversy is one that must be left for final conclusion to the individual conscience is probably triumphant in most countries, but it is not yet clear which of the arguments pro and con will carry most weight in the future. It is not for a moment to be supposed that so fundamental a point of morality will be discussed or considered by arguments suggested by the public interest. We do not live for the State; we create States and Governments for the purpose of securing the requisite conditions of a good life, as Aristotle told the world long ago. There is no such control possible if a man or woman feels bound to let nature take its course, and there the matter ends for him or her.

Most of the present discussions do not concern themselves with abstract generalisations or authoritative rules, but with the standard of living. The competition for work and wages is keener than ever, and a large family is a big handicap in the struggle to pay rent for a good house, to secure an adequate education for the children, and to put something away for a rainy day. It is here that one of the first paradoxes of experience reveals itself, for foresight and providence are most noticeable in those who are above the "want line." They are the effect of hope for a higher standard, or at least the maintenance of a standard that has become habitual. If the claims become too pressing and such hope is lost there is a general decline of efficiency which adds to difficulties and leads to despair and failure. On the other hand some people who are, naturally, good managers do succeed in fighting through, and it is notorious that a large family has many educational advantages for its members. The unknown quantity of character cannot be left out.

As in other social controversies, it is difficult not to refer to Mussolini, because he pushes his theories to their logical conclusion. The "totalitarian State" claims that the citizen

EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON FATHER OF 72

JACOB Hunter's record, which ranks him with the Great Fathers of his State, still lives in the oral traditions of his descendants. The old patriarch, who attained to the age of 5 score and 6, was married 5 times and was the father of 72 children. To the last, he preserved a full set of teeth, and was a picture of rugged health. The respective ages of his children were so widely spread, that some of the brothers were strangers to one another. It was impossible to gauge the number of Hunter's descendants surviving to the present day, but they are undoubtedly very numerous.

RED REMNANTS IN HOPEI

Heavily Defeated By Official Troops

Peiping, To-day.—It has been confirmed here that the bandit remnants under Liu Kwei-tang were heavily defeated and retreated to a point called Shaohsiao near Chinghsien, close to the Hopei-Shantung border, under the hot pursuit of the Central troops. Liu himself fled to Tientsin, the report stated. Among the many captives was a bogus commander of the marauders, who victimised the militia of Chinghsien during a round-up on Tuesday.—Central News Agency.

HITLER'S CONGRATULATIONS TO THE POPE

Berlin, To-day.—Chancellor Hitler has telegraphed to the Pope his heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the Holy Father's accession.—Trans-Ocean Service.

belongs entirely to his community, and that it is his duty to have as many children as possible so that his nation may be strong in competition with other nations. Hence the mass marriages, the letters of congratulation to mothers of many children, the prizes and grants of money. Even in Canada there is a competition going on with a munificent prize for the mother who has most children within certain dates. The horrible vulgarity of the thing is only one aspect. Even if the first prize should be big enough to pay for the upbringing of the children born, what about the other competitors? Have the parents considered the proportion between a prize and the long-continued cost of any worthy start in life? The cost in health to the mother? Are they likely to be the best type of parents?

We do not know enough yet to lay down any safe principles of eugenics. Galton and other writers opened up a new vista for science, but the research on the question, if really careful, has been disappointing. The world owes an incalculable debt to its geniuses and its heroes, but they are exceptional men, and study of their pedigrees does not reveal any rule of thumb for their multiplication. The hero is a man of exceptionally well-balanced brain, the genius is usually one-sided in a useful way, but often a little more specialised development means only that he is a danger or a nuisance.

Certainly the economic test is useless to the engineer. One of the arguments drawn from the greater care of the well-to-do is that birth control means only that the new generation is recruited only from the less desirable elements of the population. If our remuneration in cash was ideally just in giving most money to the most honest and generous that might be a true line of deduction, but nobody would maintain so preposterous a statement with anything like our present arrangements. It might even be reversed. Some people think that the faculty of making money shown by professors is an indication of predatory temperaments that should be classed as degenerate and not encouraged. There is no indication, yet, of anything like unanimity on any branch of the subject.

Here There and Everywhere

BOCENTRIC LUNCHEON SPEECH

Such was the caption Lord Dunsany suggested might be used for his speech at Grosvenor House last month.

His subject was "The Ruin of the English Language," and his main attack was delivered on the adjectival use of nouns.

He pointed out that no one could tell from this misuse of words whether the eccentricity applied to the lunch or the speaker.

When Miss Marguerite Steen began her speech by talking of "fiction writers" Lord Dunsany bore it with fortitude. But one could detect a faint smile on the face of his neighbour, Lord Berners.

DUTCH SCOT

The forthcoming marriage of Lord Reay to Miss Charlotte Mary Younger, of Melrose, will add still further to the Scottish associations of a young peer who is by birth and education a Dutchman.

Lord Reay is, in fact, a peer both of Scotland and of the Netherlands, and the history of his family provides one of the most remarkable chapters in the story of the Scot abroad.

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That all was beauty here—until you came!

DEFENCE FORCES IN BRITAIN

CO-ORDINATION PLEA EXAMINED

MINISTRY REQUIRED TO PLAN IN THREE ELEMENTS AT ONCE

(By Maj.-General A. C. Temperley)

THE recent promise of the Prime Minister that there shall be a debate on defence as a whole before the Service Estimates are introduced will at least secure a further discussion in the House of Commons upon this very important matter.

It was unfortunate that last year when a similar opportunity presented itself all the available time was taken up in discussing the expansion of the Air Force.

To bring the whole question under consideration would be particularly suitable at the present time, since the Government has put the issue of filling up the gaps in our defence prominently before the country at the General Election. The recent concentration of strength in the Eastern Mediterranean has been an object-lesson to those most concerned of how even minor gaps tend to delay administrative machinery at a time when smooth running is particularly desirable.

Questions To Be Answered

While there is almost universal agreement that our defences need strengthening, it is beginning to be realised that more scientific planning is also required if the money to be voted by Parliament is to be spent to the best advantage. There is an uneasy feeling that, though the Services are efficient within the financial limits that have been placed upon them, there are serious gaps in co-ordination which have been accentuated since the air has been introduced as a new element on the battlefield.

There are enthusiastic airmen who consider that the functions of the Army will henceforth be limited to guarding aerodromes, just as there are soldiers who believe that the air forces of two belligerents will have fought each other in a standstill in the first fortnight of a campaign, and the war will be continued by armies as before.

A good deal of clear thinking is obviously necessary before the

Down To Fundamentals

We have to get down to fundamentals and examine de novo what is the function of each of the three Services and how they can best be used in co-operation.

There is an even more urgent need for this examination in view of the increased expenditure which is now in process of being sanctioned. One would have thought that an enquiry should first of all have been conducted into the employment of the three Services as a whole before fresh expenditure was authorised on what each particular Service conceives itself to need. Yet such an enquiry is hardly likely, since efficient machinery for the task would be difficult to improvise.

The Committee of Imperial Defence has done much valuable work, and its secretariat, headed by that great public servant, Sir Maurice Hankey, is most competent. But its limitations become obvious when it is remembered that its members are chiefly departmental Ministers, all of whom have full-time jobs of their own. It is quite inadequate for the lengthy and continuous study of large-scale problems.

To remedy this there have been many advocates of a Ministry of Defence. This has always been opposed by successive Governments as being unwelcome from a Parliamentary and constitutional point of view. It is easy to find other arguments to knock down this particular ninepin. (Continued on Page 20.)

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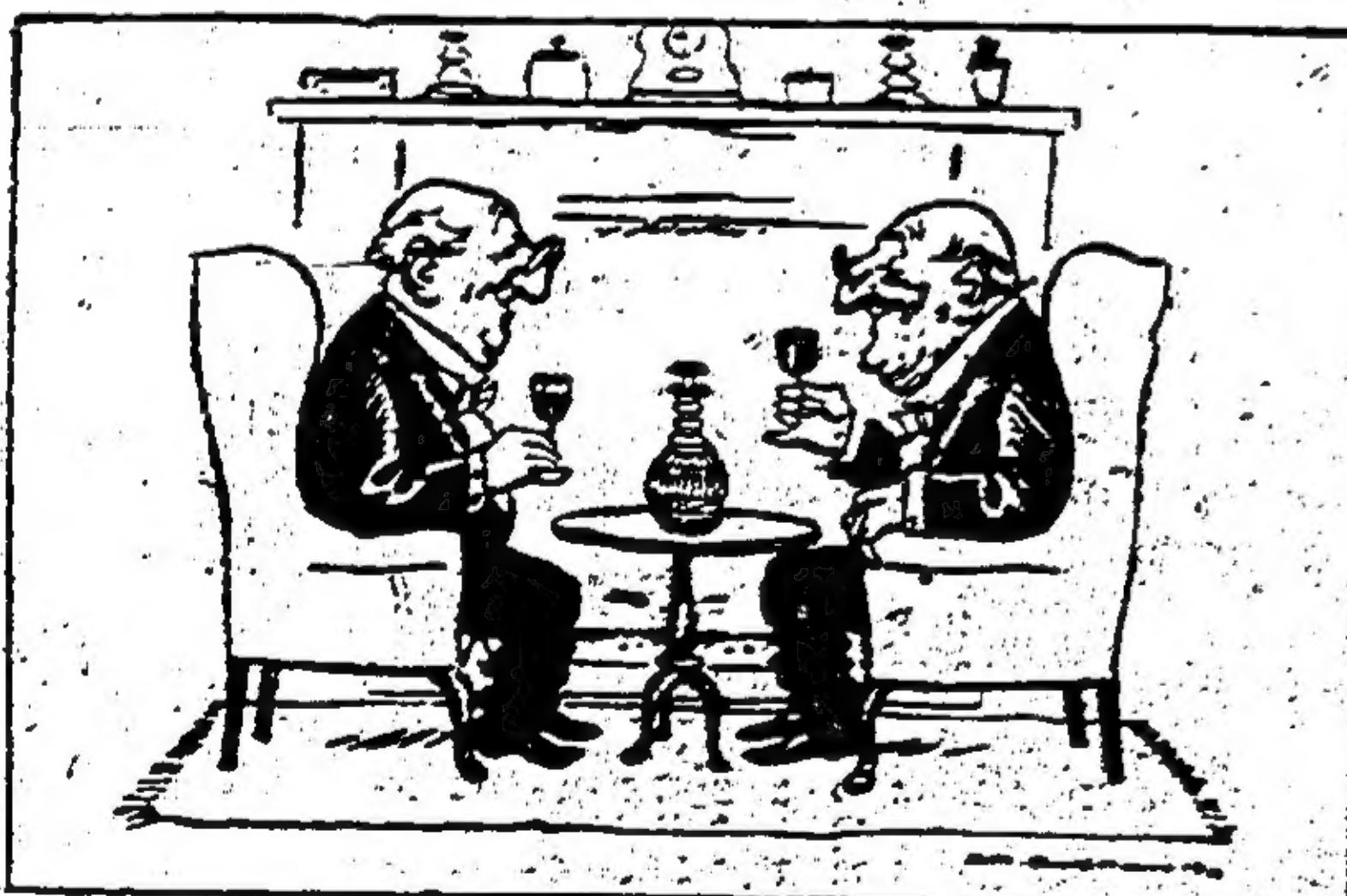
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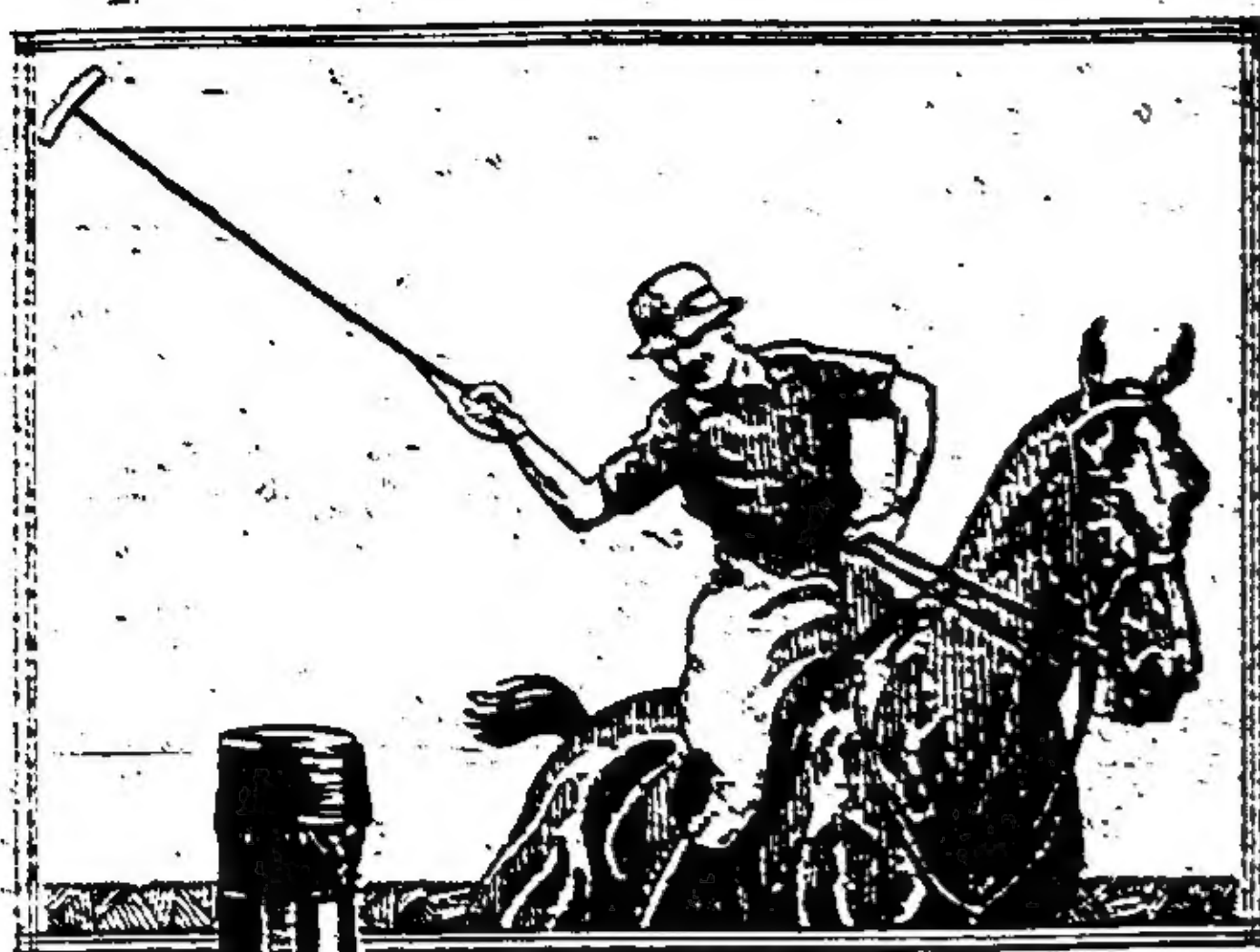
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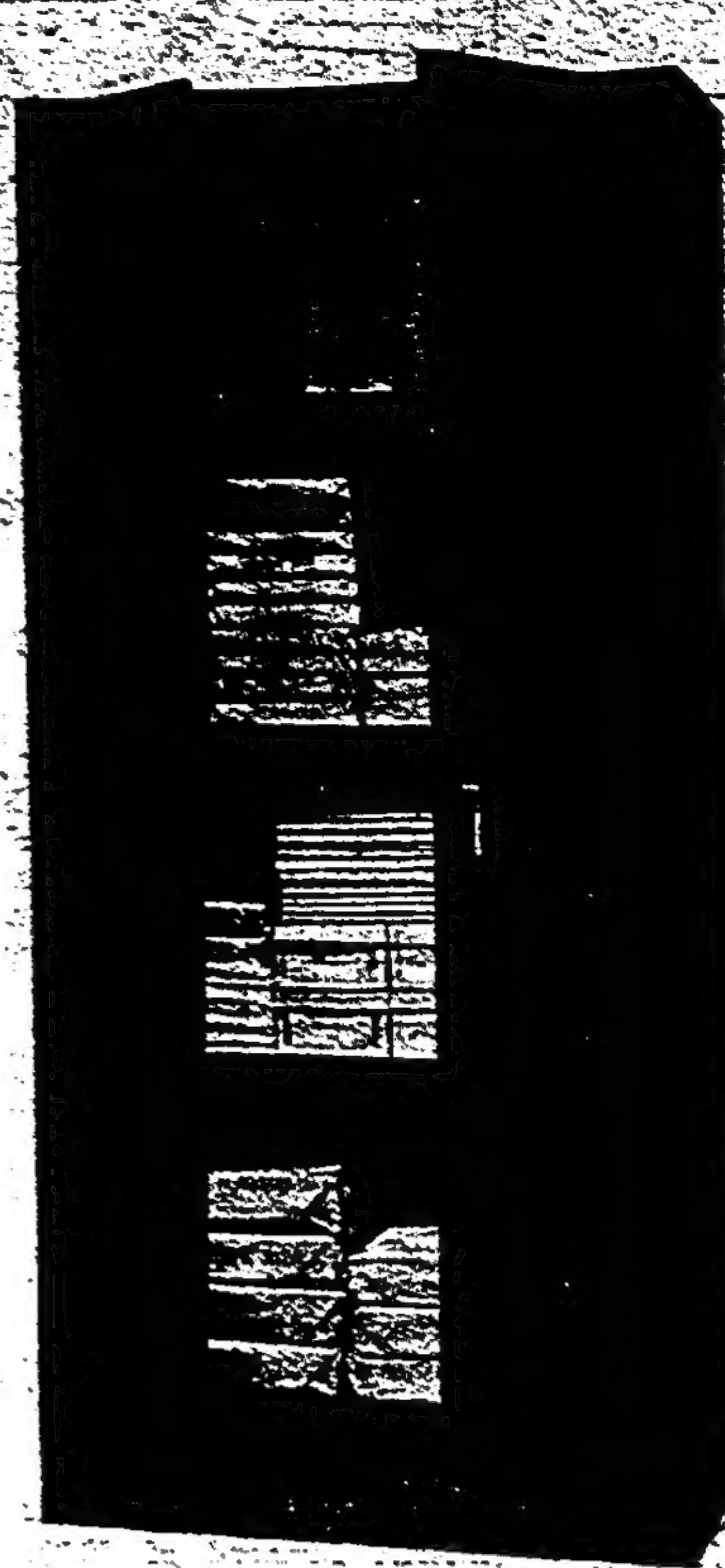
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He stated that the total pepper and shellac commitments at September 3, 1934, were £1,400,000. Of the total subscription of £412,500 to James Shakespeare and Co. as a result of the issue of the prospectus, £209,000 had been used to buy shellac. That payment was actually made before the proceeds of the issue were received, by means of a loan from the Midland Bank.

James Shakespeare and Co.'s liabilities to the date of liquidation were £758,000, and the assets were estimated to realise £233,000. In addition the whole share capital of £425,000 was lost. These figures were based on the directors' estimates, but the position was working out very much worse.

It was the pepper position that brought them down. With forward pepper commitments of £1,000,000, the estimated profit would have been £75,000 if the market price had held, as when the contracts were made. The witness agreed that Bishirian paid £90,000 out of his own pocket in respect of the pepper liabilities. — Reuter.

MURDER AT DAVOS

Hitler's Funeral Ovation

PURE RECORD OF NAZI PARTY IN GERMANY

CHINA MAIL, SPECIAL SCHWERING, To-day.

The funeral of the murdered National-Socialist party leader of Switzerland, Herr Wilhelm Gustloff, took place here on Tuesday, the ceremony being attended by Herr Hitler, several members of the Cabinet, representatives of the defence forces and 3,000 party members.

After the funeral oration by the leader of the foreign organisation of the Party Herr Hitler mounted the steps.

"Since 1918 all those that have stood up for their country, out of pure love for Germany, have been constantly menaced, menaced by the ghastly secret of international power," he said.

"The instigators of the murders were in every case members of this same power, which was responsible for the murders of many National-Socialists."

"Never has the National-Socialist movement employed the weapon of terror, and not one murdered opponent mars its record. In Herr Gustloff's case the planner of the murder was for the first time also its perpetrator. It is not Germany that is being harmed by this, but the power behind it, for which it is committed."

"The German nation has lost one of its number in the year 1936, but thereby gained one immortal for the future." — Trans-Ocean Service.

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BRITISH TRADE FIGURES

Returns Issued By Ministry

London, To-day.

The preliminary returns of the British overseas trade in January, issued by the Board of Trade, show that imports totalled £70,024,000, against £74,481,000 in December, £61,916,000 in January, 1935, and a monthly average for 1935 of £63,078,000.

Exports totalled £34,480,000, against £34,017,000 in December, £35,481,000 in January, 1935, and a monthly average of £35,498,000.

Re-exports totalled £4,320,000, against £5,432,000 in December, £4,605,000 in January, 1935, and a monthly average of £4,605,000 respectively. — British Wireless Service.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH MAGAZINE

February Number Of
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ACTIVITIES OF PAST YEAR

The February number of the "St. John's Review," the parish magazine of St. John's Cathedral, which has just been issued, contains, as usual, much that will be of interest to parishioners.

The address of the Chaplain in Charge at the annual meeting is reproduced in full, in which sympathetic reference is specially made to the loss sustained by the community in the departure of Dean Alfred Swann, and to the splendid work performed by the Cathedral Women's Guild under the understanding and inspiring leadership of Lady Pollock. Other subjects include the production of John Massfield's Passion Play, "Good Friday," the Silver Jubilee of King George V, the dedication of the Canterbury Cross and, lastly, the Memorial Service for the late King.

An interesting comparison of the two productions of "Lady Precious Stream," in London at the National Theatre and in Hong Kong by the students of the Hong Kong University, is contributed by R.P. and Lucy A. Lock provides a brightly-written article, illustrated with photographs, entitled "Glimpses of Manila."

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CONTINUED NEED FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society will be held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, on February 20 at 5.15 p.m. Sir William Hornell, C. I. E., has kindly consented to take the chair. The report of the Society for 1935, just issued, recounts several instances in which deserving cases have been helped by the Society. Last year was a very busy one, the report shows that the expenses under each heading have appreciably increased each year since 1932.

The income of the Society during 1935 exceeded that of the former year by over \$4,000. However, a large part of this money was derived from non-recurring sources, and an appeal is made to the general public to continue its generous support of the work the Society is doing.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

A dance is being held by the Australian and New Zealand Association to-morrow evening, commencing at 9.15, in the Association's rooms, Gloucester Building.

Mr. G. Duncan, M.B.E., of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., with Mrs. Duncan, left the Colony, on retirement, by the s.s. Patroclus yesterday.

There is to be a bridge and mah jongg drive at the Cheero Club on Thursday, February 27 inst., beginning at 8.30 p.m.; admission 50 cts. each, which includes light refreshments.

Mr. A. E. Herdman, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, accountant at Holt's Wharf, was among the passengers leaving for England yesterday by the s.s. Patroclus, accompanied by Mrs. Herdman and their four children.

The fourth annual prize distribution of the Chung Nan College is to be held at the King's Theatre at 10 a.m. on Sunday next. Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, M.Sc., Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Hong Kong University, has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, M.C., M.B., B.S. (Lond.) D.T.M. & H. (Eng.), J.P., will deliver a course of lectures (for women) on First Aid, beginning to-morrow at the St. John's Ambulance Headquarters at 8.30 p.m. It is emphasised that these classes will be confined only if the attendance is regular, and there are a sufficient number of candidates to warrant the effort.

To-day's Short Story

The Uncooked Goose

By H. A. Manhood

I WAS employed in painting signposts at the time. I dare say you know the routine. Most of the time is spent in cycling from one to the other with a short ladder over one's shoulder and some pots of paint in a carrier in front. A quick lick over with white paint and you return the next day to pick out the lettering. Not exactly exciting, for I was 21, hearty enough to burst a tumbler with a laugh and with a great hairy fist that looked like a French poodle once the paint brush was stuck in it. I certainly hated that ladder—it was like travelling around with the skeleton of your worst enemy—but between us we made that bit of countryside fairly tingle with directions so that you'd have thought that all men were become friends and eager for your company.

Up on the moor one day I'd just got to the point of inventing a combined cycle stand and ladder when a lorry came bumbling along, hesitated at the four ways and charged the signpost like a dog angry at a stick of celery. The signpost broke like celery all right, and although I looked like a saint with white paint all over me, I didn't feel like one as I hopped across to crack a nut or two.

But when I reached the lorry the job was done. An angry negro was hammering the driver with a bit of the signpost, not the thinnest bit either, and the driver was already wrapped in hymns.

FRENCH PACT WITH SOVIET

(Continued from Page 1)

BRITAIN'S ASSURANCES

London: In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, was asked if he would give an assurance that the provisions of Locarno requiring that Great Britain should immediately come to the help of France or Germany in the event of a flagrant breach by either of Article XXIII or XXIV of the Treaty of Versailles concerning the demilitarised zone, would be rigidly adhered to as long as the treaty remained in operation, and had not been abrogated by general consent of the parties.

Mr. Eden replied: "The obligations of His Majesty's Government are specified in the Treaty of Locarno itself. His Majesty's Government stands by those obligations, and, as has been previously stated in this House, intend, should the need arise, faithfully to fulfil them." — British Wireless Service.

One case of enteric fever was reported to the Health authorities in the 24 hours ended on Tuesday.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan is due here from Vancouver and ports on February 23, and will leave the same evening for Manila.

Mrs. Alfred N. Macfadyen will be the speaker at to-day's public lecture at the Lodge Room of the Theosophical Society, Hong Kong Club Annex, Chater Road, at 6 p.m. Her subject will be "Karma."

A crowded house, with many Europeans, including ladies, in the audience, witnessed the second performance of "Lady Precious Stream," in Chinese, at the Tai Ping Theatre last night. In response to many requests a repeat performance will be given on Sunday night.

Mrs. Lottie Gordon gave a broadcast of Australian and Hong Kong music and songs, including the "Hong Kong Boat Song" and the "Canton Boat Song," from the Government broadcasting station at Manila on Tuesday, February 4.

The next whist drive of the Cheero Club will be held on Tuesday next, beginning at 8.30 p.m., admission 50 cts. each, which includes light refreshments.

On Monday next the Ladies Committee of the Cheero Club are holding a dance at the China Fleet Club, commencing at 8.30 p.m. A.S. Servicemen are welcome; admission \$1 each, which includes light refreshments; ladies by invitation only.

"An experienced driver—yes, I said! That's what he told me," the negro swore. "All he wanted was a couple of bars to clear his lefty and he'd be proud to drive for Professor Mambuka—yes, suh! the damned gezumpher!"

I didn't stop to listen to the rest. I started the lorry and backed it ready to run down to the police station. Then I slung the bits of my bicycle aboard and made room for the unconscious driver.

"Hey, boy, what's the pro-

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be
"A Broadcast Talk," by
S. P. B. Mais.

gramme?" I told the negro, but he shook his head. "No time for the splits, son. There's a gaff at Gordontop to-day and Ah'm on m' way."

He looked me over and it was like being robbed and tickled at the same time: "How'd you like to drive for me reglar, ten bob a day and five bob extra every time we make a stand! There's the lark and memmer." He spread a hand towards the lorry: "Dragon's Juice Ointment: The Unfailing Panacea. Professor Mambuka, Specialist and Necromancer Extraordinary." The painted words were, appropriately, like queer skeletons racing each other over a cliff.

I looked at the Professor. He seemed tough, but genial with it, flashy in his dress, but with a supple kind of dignity as if he'd mixed with princes.

The offer was a good one. I thought I glimpsed the helping hand of Providence. My father had lately married again and I didn't like his choice. No need to say good-bye even. I nodded and the Professor grinned and softened. We left the driver and the bicycle and the ladder and paint-pots all piled in a heap and made for Gordontop.

It worked well to begin with, too. We hopped from one fair-ground to another like a wasp after jam, selling this Dragon's Juice Ointment at half a crown a pot and doing good business, too. The Professor slept in the jam-jar, as he called the lorry, and I camped out under a side canvas. He was just a quack, but he certainly had style and considerable nerve.

After a week's grafting we stopped out on a bit of open country to renew stock I'd been curious about this famous Dragon's Juice from Nicobar till then. The Professor had bought several gross of little black pots and half a hundredweight of lard.

He simply melted the lard down in an old bucket, stirred a drop of almond oil, some turpentine and a dash of sulphur into it, and poured it into the pots. It rattled me quite a bit to see what a fraud it was. I even said something about it, but the Professor had a line of talk all ready. The ointment, he argued, was purely a guide for faith: faith went with its application and through faith anything could be cured. He said the entire medical profession worked on the same principle.

"Do you know what goes into your medicine? No, of course not, but you drink it and believe it's what you need and you're cured. Just the same with me, ointment."

I swallowed it at the time, but I couldn't help thinking about it afterwards. The Professor seemed a mild enough fellow apart from this business line of his, easy-going as a robber-bill. He fed himself well and me, too, but every time I ate, after a while, I couldn't help thinking where the brass had come from.

He was superstitious, too, and careful with his funds. I used to wonder why two of his suitcases were so strongly made and heavy. I found out why one day when he was sleeping off half a bottle of brandy. One of them, at least, was damned near full of half-crowns. I guessed that he mistreated banks and paper money.

He used to baffle me at times and explain it away by saying that the moon was in a bad quarter for him.

He was half-sunk with brandy when we ran out of stock once more and he told me to go get more.

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BANKRUPTCY COURT

Partners Fail To Agree

DISSOLUTION SOUGHT

At the Bankruptcy Court this morning, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Lindsell, a winding up petition was brought by Odharmal Girharimal against Messrs. O. K. Gidumull and Watumull, Ltd., the petitioner being represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. Leo D'Almada jun., instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, was for the opposing parties.

Addressing the Court Mr. Sheldon said that he raised the objection that the petition could not be heard on the ground that the petitioner was \$10,000 in arrears on his share capital. He went on to say that he submitted that either the petition be not heard, or dismissed, or that it be held over until such time as the amount owing had been paid up.

After hearing the argument advanced by both sides, however, Mr. Justice Lindsell over-ruled the objection.

Leral Position Stated

Mr. Potter then said that according to law the Court should not deal with allegations or counter-allegations but should confine itself to the point as to whether the partnership could be carried on or not under the circumstances he was going to mention.

He went on to say that the partnership started in 1927 but shortly after that there were some disputes regarding the employment of assistants. An agreement was subsequently reached whereby it was agreed to remedy the irregularities and to establish branches in Canton and Shanghai. Eventually, however, the partners failed to work together in harmony and the petitioner decided to ask for a dissolution of the partnership.

LABOUR IN MEXICO

President's Advice To Employers

NO COMMUNISM IN THE COUNTRY

Mexico City, To-day.

There is no Communism in Mexico, declared President Cradenas, addressing a mid-night meeting of iron and steel workers at Monterrey, where activities have been brought to a standstill in the last two days owing to a number of strikes.

The President indicated that he did not consider the labour troubles to be due exclusively to labour demands but rather to the unreasonable attitude of the employers.

The President said that owners who were tired of Mexico's social struggle could hand over their industries to the workmen or the Government. That would be patriotic, but not a general stoppage or a closing down.

The owners should take care that the agitation did not place them under any political flag, for that would lead to an armed movement. — Reuter.

MINISTERING LEAGUE

Flag Day Next Saturday

PUBLIC HELP ASKED

On Saturday next, the Ministering League is holding a Flag Day, and though flag days are so numerous that most people are heartily tired of them, it is hoped most sincerely that everyone will be generous to this, one of Hong Kong's oldest and most deserving of charities.

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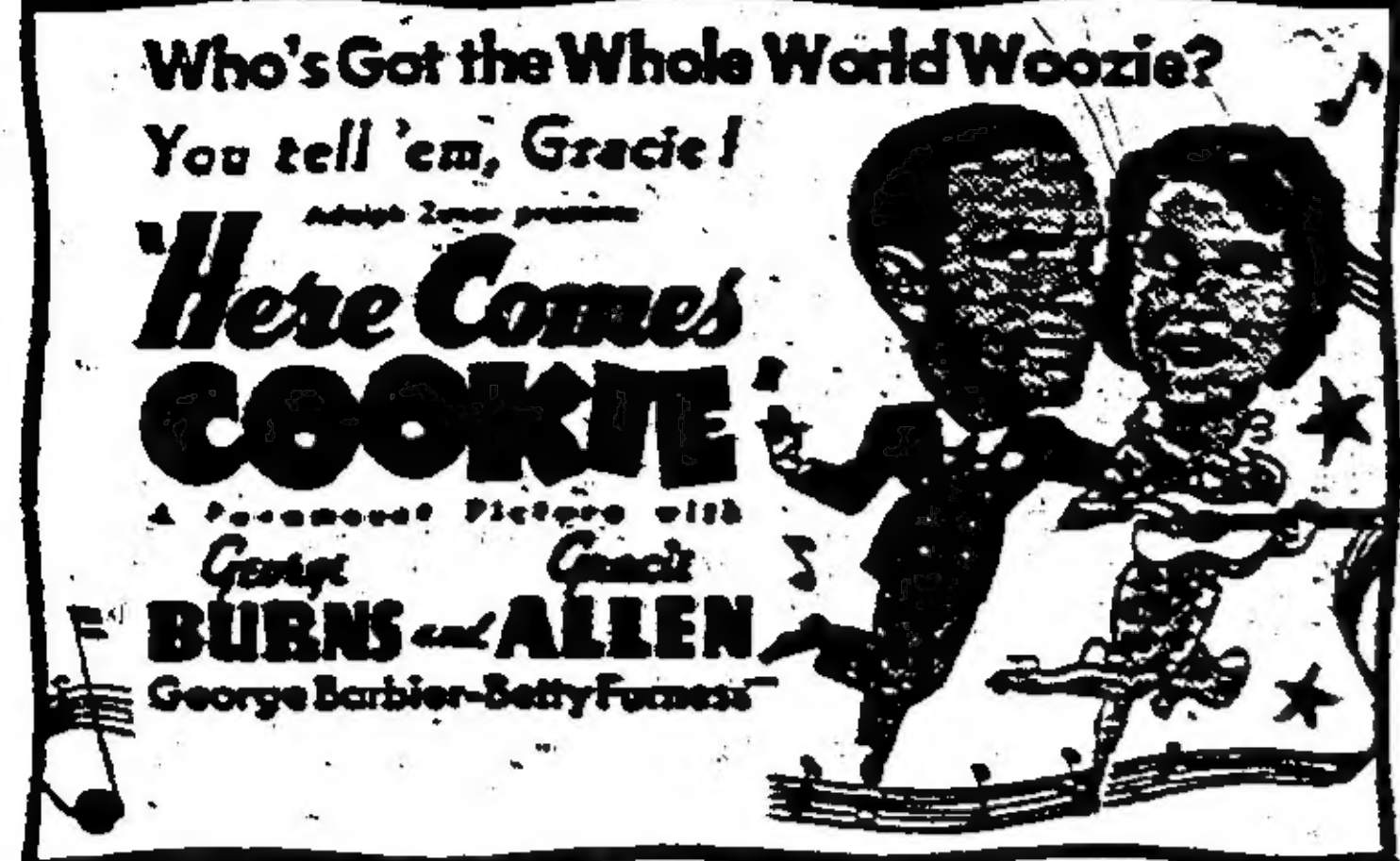
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Ottenshaw, and a cot in the Netherdale Hospital here. Last year the funds were allocated to: The Hong Kong Benevolent Society, the Hong Kong Society for Protection of Children, the C.M.S. Victoria Home and Orphanage, the Blind Home, Pokfulam, the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, the C.M.S. Village School Fund, the C.M.S. Vernacular School Fund, the Garrison Institute Help Society, the Protestant Almshouses, Kowloon City, the Salvation Army Home, Kowloon City, the Chinese Y.W.C.A. Baby Clinic, St. John's Ambulance, and Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

As the flag sellers on the 16th have been asked not to go into any office, it is hoped that all donors will give generously.

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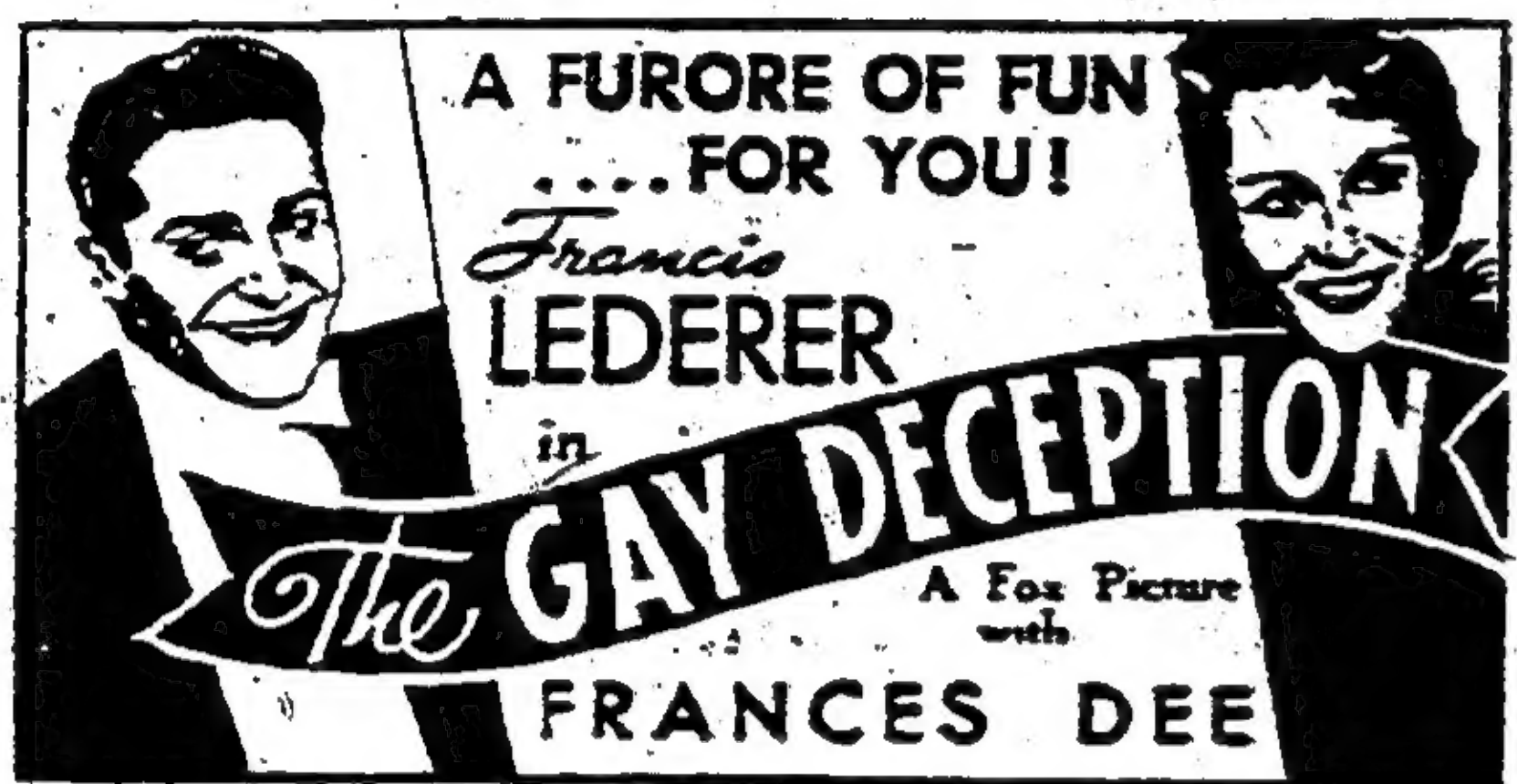
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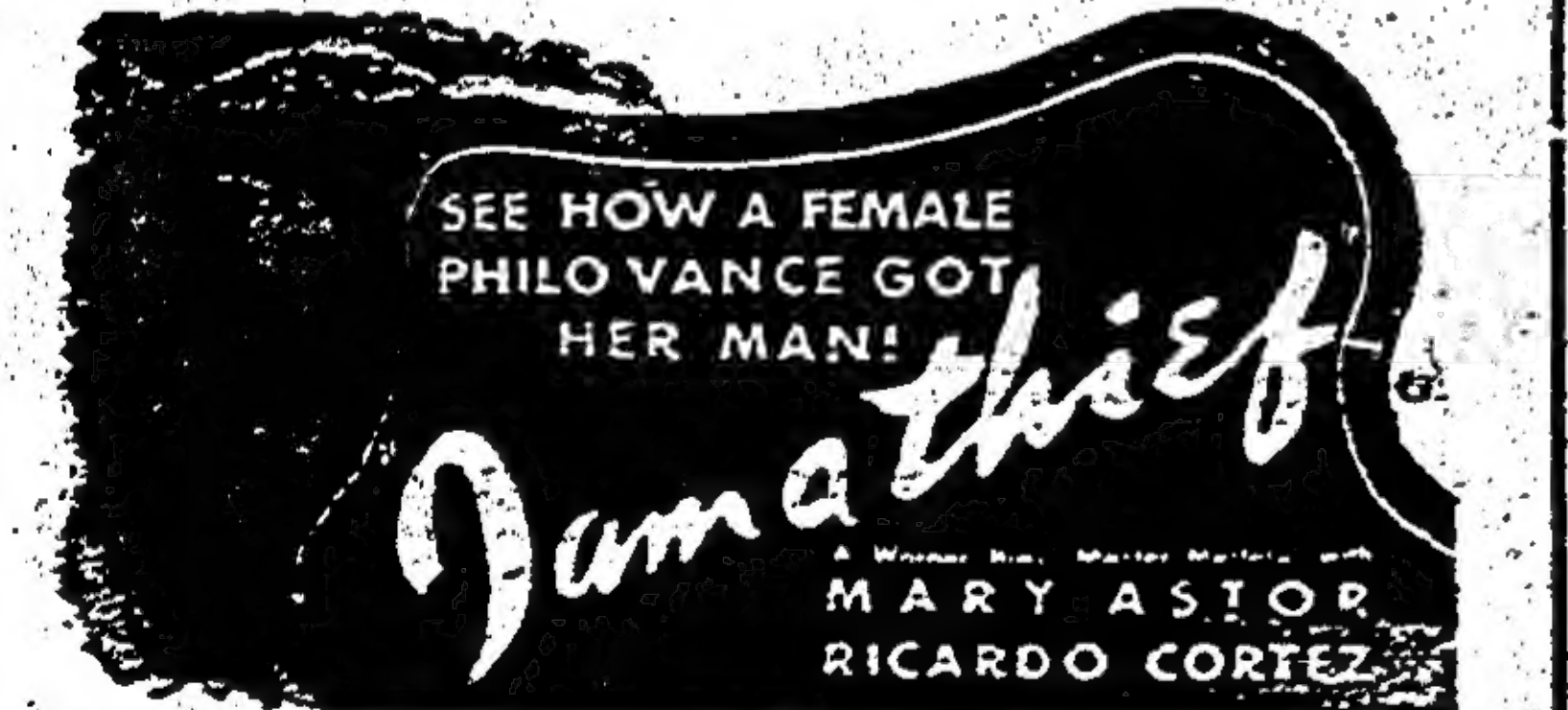
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EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

School-Leaving Age
In England

MOTION DEFEATED IN
COMMONS

London, To-day.

The subject of education is engaging the attention of the House of Commons for two consecutive days this week. To-day the Government's bill to raise the school-leaving age to 15 will be debated on the second reading, when the bill's provisions for exemptions where beneficial employment is available will come under criticism, which the newspapers anticipate may not be limited to the Opposition benches.

Last evening discussion took place on a private member's motion in favour of a State maintenance grant for children remaining an extra year at school when the compulsory age limit is raised from 14 to 15.

Replying to the debate the Minister of Education, Mr. Oliver Stanley, said that the real reason why many would give their support to the resolution was not strictly educational. It was because there was in their minds the desire, if it were possible, to put a few more shillings a week into working class homes. They were thinking really of the general question of poverty, and the means proposed in the resolution were the most unjust, illogical and anomalous by which to deal with that problem.

The motion was defeated by 199 to 140 votes. — British Wireless Service.

RIOTING IN ZANZIBAR

Question In House
Of Commons

London, To-day.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, made a statement yesterday in the House of Commons during question-time on the recent rioting in Zanzibar, in which he expressed deep regret at the deaths of Mr. Rolleston and the Indian Police Inspector who were injured by the mob. Mr. Thomas said that the rioting broke out on the morning of February 7. The cause was still uncertain, but appeared to be some dispute which had arisen in connection with the inspection of copra and the strict enforcement of the regulations against adulteration.

On the information at present before him he saw no reason to attach any political significance to the regrettable incident. — British Wireless Service.

TREASURY BAN WAIVED

Belgian Conversion
Operation

London, To-day.

The City is interested in the Treasury's decision to waive the ban on foreign lending in the case of the Conversion 7 per cent. Belgian stabilisation loan, of which £7,500,000 is outstanding, into 4 per cent. bonds at 98½. The underwriting is expected to be completed by the week-end.

It is pointed out, however, that the operation does not involve the export of capital, but only a reduction in the national income from abroad through the lower interest payments.

Despite the anticipated favourable balance of payments for 1935 the opinion is expressed that the Treasury is not yet willing to abandon its control over transactions involving the export of capital. — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone remains stationary over China and the adjacent seas, and has decreased slightly in intensity. Pressure appears to be highest over the Lower Yangtze Valley. North-east winds, fresh, fine, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

DISTURBANCES IN SYRIA

Arrest Of Leaders
Ordered

STUDENTS' DEMONSTRATION
PREVENTED

Paris, To-day.

As a result of the latest disturbances in Syria, the French High Commissioner has ordered the immediate arrest of two Nationalist leaders, whom he accuses of being responsible for the clashes between the native population and the police.

In giving the reasons for this action, the High Commissioner states that he will not tolerate notorious agitators causing bloodshed simply in furtherance of personal ambition.

The students at Beirut attempted to hold a public demonstration, but were prevented from doing so by the police. Nearly all native shops are still closed. — Trans-Ocean Service.

CASUALTY FIGURES

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The announcement asserts that alone in the battle of the Tembien region between January 20 and 30, no less than 1,500 native soldiers and 5,123 native soldiers of the enemy forces were buried by special detachments, which the Abyssinian commander was compelled to detail for this purpose.

It is further asserted that 333 British Askaris went over to the Abyssinians in the course of the Tembien battle. — Trans-Ocean Service.

Italy Defends Her Action

COLONIAL EXPANSION MERELY
DESIRED IN ABYSSINIA

Rome, earlier: The statement by the Paris Temps, that Italy has withdrawn from the concert of the conservative Powers and by virtue of her African undertaking has forfeited the claim to the playing of a leading role in Europe, meets with violent opposition in Italian political circles, where it is pointed out that Italy's desire to co-operate in the maintenance of European peace is evidenced by the following facts:—

(1) Italy abstained from raising the question of colonial mandates in its entirety, despite the fact that some European States appropriated to themselves new and valuable colonial possessions which by rights belong to the League of Nations;

(2) Italy pursues her aims at colonial expansion merely in Abyssinian territory, where she possesses legally acquired rights which have been recognised by France and Britain;

(3) Italy has, by the repeated declarations of Signor Mussolini, undertaken to restrict the conflict to the colonial sector so long as she is not provoked elsewhere.

ITALY EXCLUDED

In an obviously inspired article the Giornale d'Italia stresses that the Powers who consider themselves the trustees of European peace had on their part excluded Italy from their circle when they left her empty-handed in drawing up the peace treaty of Versailles.

The Giornale goes on to say: "It is very well for the great colonial Powers to brag about conservative peace when all their individual requirements are already fully satisfied. The alleged violation of the League Covenant by Italy is directly traceable to the violation of European justice of which France and England have been guilty by liquidating the Great War at the expense of Italy, and which they are attempting to maintain by perpetuating the present allocation of the world's colonial possessions." — Trans-Ocean Service.

Abyssinians Claim Victory

ITALIAN POSITIONS RE-TAKEN

Addis Ababa: The first reports of victory in the Abyssinian offensive for the relief of Sidamo Province and the Gestro Valley, where the remnants of Ras Desta's defeated army were hard pressed, are now reaching the capital. An official communique announces that the

REFORM OF THE LORDS

Far-Reaching Motion
Defeated

LORD PONSONBY ON THE
"SACREDNESS" OF PEERS

London, To-day.

A motion by Lord Ponsonby, in favour of giving Peers the right to vote in elections for, and to offer themselves for election to, the House of Commons was defeated in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon by 27 votes to 16.

In proposing the motion Lord Ponsonby called attention to the privileges of the Peerage fallen into desuetude, and instanced the right of Barons to two, and of Marquesses to five, chaplains, for disuse of which he declined, amid laughter, to offer explanations. At one time the person of a Peer was both sacred and inviolable.

Lord Ponsonby commented that during the period that he had had the honour to be of Their Lordships' House he had not been given any demonstration of this sacredness of his person. He urged that no disability should be allowed to prevent Peers from giving their services, if they wished, to the House of Commons, in which they would be in closer touch with public affairs.

Lord Onslow, opposing, said that if Peers were allowed to become members of the House of Commons it would drain the life-blood of the House of Lords, to which it was the duty of Peers to give their services.

The Lord Chancellor, for the Government, said it was not wise to attempt to deal with the problem of the reform of the House of Lords piecemeal. — British Wireless Service.

BUYING ORDERS FROM U.S.

LONDON RUBBER
MARKET

INCREASING FIRMNESS
IN EVIDENCE

London, To-day.

A feature of yesterday's dealing in Mincing Lane has been the steady flow of buying orders from New York, despite the United States holiday. This demand, coupled with the buying by the home trade and the Continent, resulted in increasing firmness as the day proceeded, with speculators increasingly interested.

Further interest was aroused by the fact that numerous American contracts now coming due have been fulfilled from London stocks, owing to the difficulty of obtaining profitable shipments from the East. Meanwhile the arbitrage business with the United States continues to be encouraged by the higher values ruling in New York. — Reuter.

Abyssinian troops at Ogaden, led personally by Ras Nasibu and the former Turkish General Wehib Pasha, re-took the Italian positions at Curati after a desperate struggle, in which both sides lost heavily.

Supplementary reports from Harrar state that the Italians built strong entrenchments between Harradigit and Curati, these two places, 2½ miles apart, being extremely important because of wells, water-holes and springs.

The Abyssinian attack on this region came as a total surprise, the high scrub enabling the Abyssinians to creep up close unobserved and to cut their way through the Italian wire entanglements. A desperate man-to-man struggle began, which ended in a complete victory for the Abyssinians.

On the northern front the Abyssinians have made all the preparations for an attack on the Italian Makalle front.

GIFTS OF GOLD

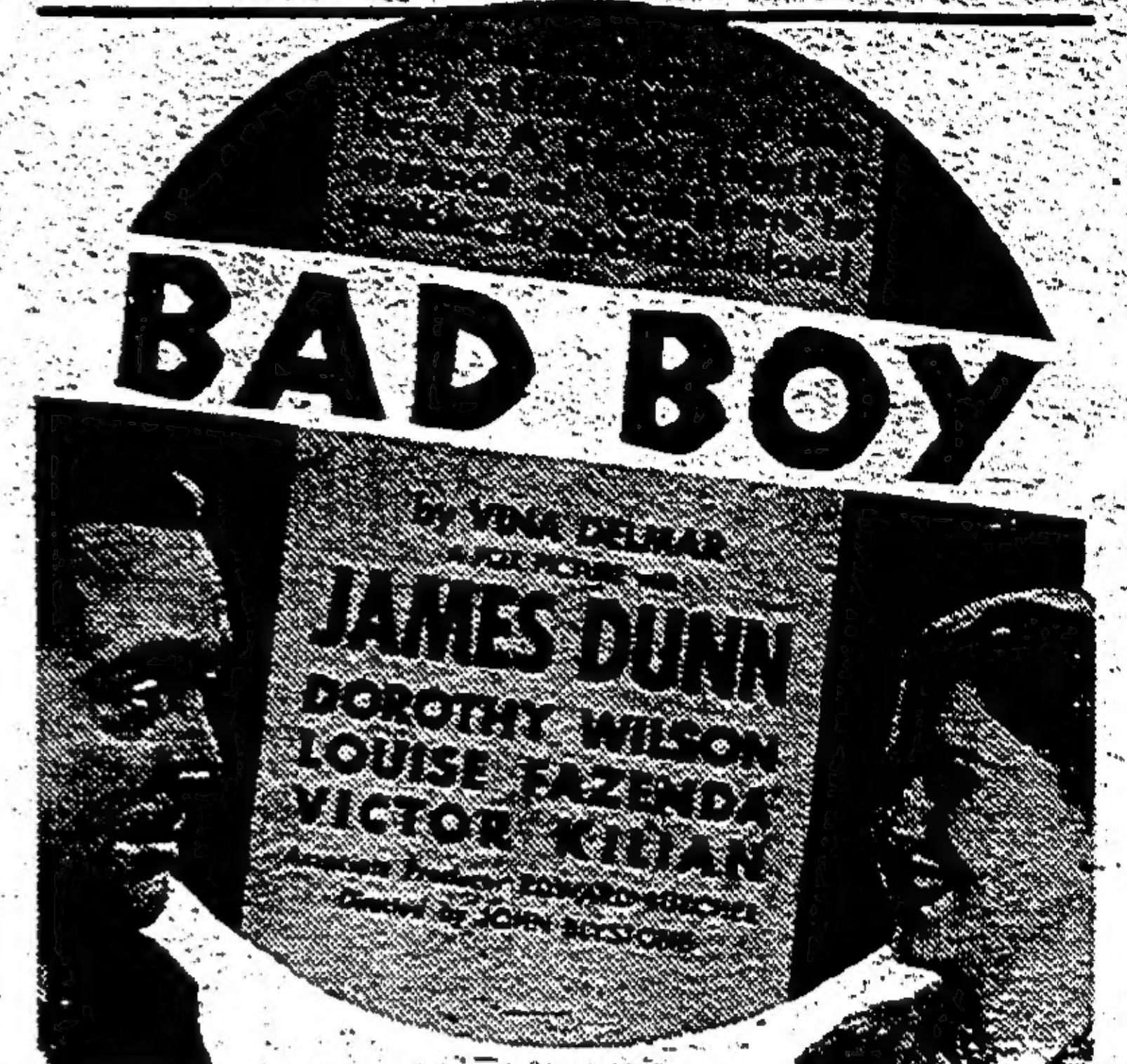
Rome: No less than two tons of gold—a quarter of which was contributed by the country population—and 80,000 golden wedding rings were collected as the result of the recent appeal made by the Fascist Party to the rank and file of the Italian people for help in financing the Abyssinian campaign. — Trans-Ocean Service.

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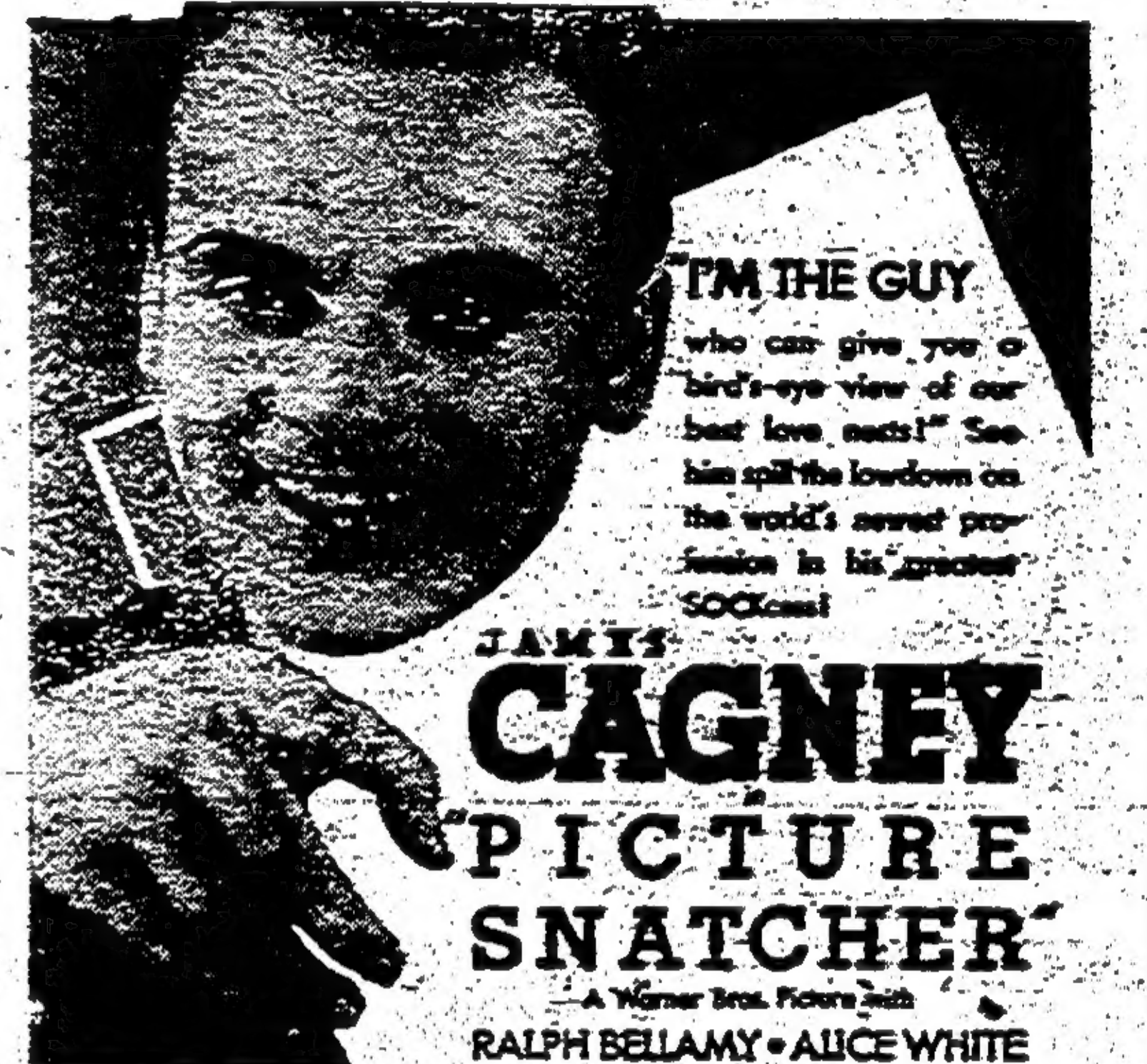
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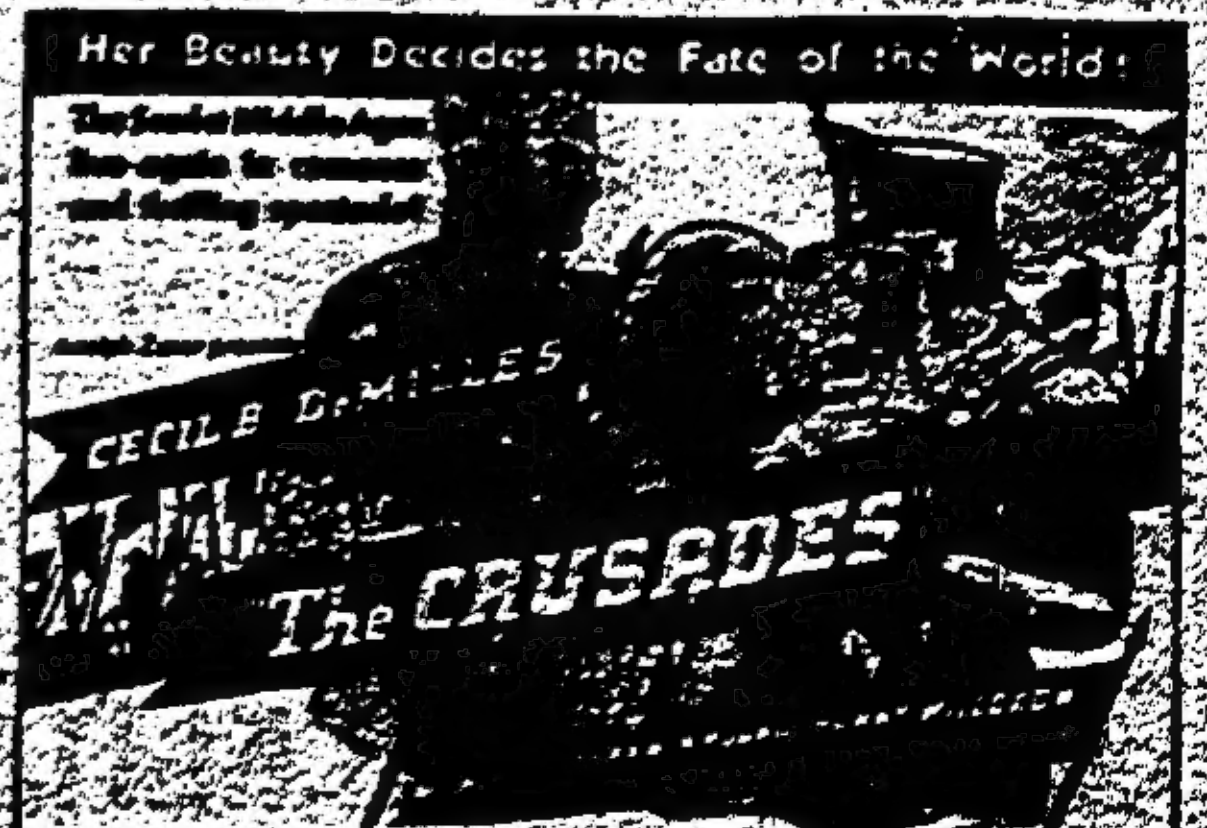
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